

**WEST POINT TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Minutes
MAY 8, 2008**

The Honorable James H. Hudson, III called the Special Called meeting of the West Point Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: James H. Hudson, III, Mayor; Deborah Ball, Vice Mayor, Charles Gordon, Tina Gulley, Jack Lawson, Gail Nichols and Bub Shreaves.

Members Absent: Wayne Healy.

Also Present: Trent Funkhouser, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; T. C. Moore, Town Treasurer, Neal Barber, Economic Development Coordinator and Captain Robbie Cottrell, WPPD.

Mayor Hudson advised a Public Hearing has been scheduled today on the FY 08-09 budget. By State Code, Town Council has to wait seven days from the day of the public hearing before adopting the budget. Town Council will meet on Thursday, May 15th at 5 pm to adopt the budget.

Mr. Hudson stated while reviewing the budget, Town Council carefully reviewed all areas of the budget and gave particular consideration to what the Town can afford. Mr. Hudson explained the budget figures, what revenues are received and where the expenditures go. Mr. Hudson also stated it would be a tremendous help if Town Council received input from the public on what services the public are willing to pay for. The Town has three areas of concern for revenue, Real Estate Taxes, Machinery & Tools Tax or we have the option to cut services.

Public Hearing

Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to comment on the advertised public hearing for the FY 2008-09 budgets.

1. Marlene Capps, 710 River Road, West Point, Virginia, West Point School Board Member thanked Town Council for the school budget and advised that if the choice had to be made of services versus quality education, I would prefer services be restructured before education is cut.
2. TC Lawson, Jr. Treasurer of the West Point Volunteer Fire Department advised the Town has budgeted the same amount of funds to the Fire Department this year as last year. The Fire Department can not operate on \$92,000 with current operating cost and gas prices. Mr. Lawson suggested the Town increase taxes by \$0.03 to assist with funding for the Fire Department.
3. Lynn Carruth, 180 Oak Grove, West Point, Virginia thanked Town Council for all their hard work on the budget and advised she supports funding for the school system and asked for Town Council to review the restrictions the Town has placed on the school board regarding their budget. Ms. Carruth also asked the Town to review the services provided to residents and suggested that recycling be done once every two weeks instead of once a week and for the Fire and Rescue to submit bills to Medicaid and Medicare for the use of their services.
4. Bill Cawley, 215 Main Street, West Point, Virginia advised he supports full funding of the school budget and suggest the Town review the tax rate to assist with funding the school budget.
5. Duddy Olsson, 401 Tanagier Court, West Point, Virginia, School Board member, thanked Town Council for working on the budget and asked Town Council to

review the \$150,000 one time purchase of a school bus and text books, so that a portion of those funds can be applied to the operating budget for teachers salaries.

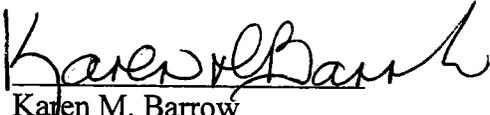
6. Dr. Jeffery Smith, School Superintendent advised the school budget has a \$146,000 short fall between the proposed Governor's budget and the budget adopted by the General Assembly and that recommendations have been submitted to the School Board that includes a reduction in staff. Dr. Smith requested Town Council consider designating at least \$50,000 of the proposed one time funding of \$150,000 to the re-occurring operating budget and for Town Council to approve a resolution authorizing the application for the two Literary Fund Loans for roof repairs.
7. T. C. Lawson advised in response to the comment of the Fire and Rescue Squad billing Medicaid and Medicare for rescue calls, the Fire and Rescue Squad is a 501C3 non profit organization that is unable to bill for their services.
8. Jane Massey-Redd, 4090 Dogwood Drive, West Point, Virginia advised she is interested in the quality of life and services provide by the Town and requested that Town Council fully fund the school budget. In order to continue providing the level of services Council should consider an increase in the tax rate to fund all areas of the budget.
9. Robbie Cottrell, West Point Police Department thanked Town Council for all their hard work on the budget and advised that the WPPD are willing to work with Town Council on the budget. In regard to the Fire Department, the response time and efficiency of the West Point Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad is the best service available to the public today.
10. Reverend Marvin Kerby, 506 Lee Street, West Point, Virginia thanked Town Council for all the hard work on the budget, this year has been challenging and difficult decisions have to be made. Reverend Kerby thanked Council for all that they do and for funding the school system.

Mr. Hudson asked if any else would to comment on the Public Hearing for the FY 2008-09 Budget. There being none, Mr. Hudson closed the Public Hearing.

There being no further business, Mr. Hudson continued the meeting till Thursday, May 15th 2008 at 5 pm for adoption of the budget.


James H. Hudson
Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE

FY 2008-09 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF WEST POINT

Please take notice that on the 8th day of May, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Town of West Point, at Town Hall in West Point, 329 6th Street, the West Point Town Council will conduct a public hearing pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2506 to receive public input on the Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget for the Town of West Point. All interested persons may attend and express their views.

Expenditure Summary

	FY 2008-09 Proposed
<u>Education</u>	
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,559,642
State CIP Match	\$ <u>186,693</u>
Total \$	9,746,335
<u>Public Safety</u>	
Emergency Communications	\$ 242,900
Fire	\$ 92,000
Police	\$ <u>624,850</u>
Total \$	959,750
<u>Public Works</u>	
Cemetery	\$ 30,800
General Properties	\$ 213,100
Public Works	\$ 190,600
Refuse Collection	\$ 137,800
Streets & Alleys	\$ <u>341,000</u>
Total \$	913,400
<u>Recreation & Library</u>	
Library	\$ <u>11,000</u>
Total \$	11,000
<u>Town Administration</u>	
Building Official	\$ 88,600
Community Development	\$ 79,700
Economic Development	\$ 46,900
Town Council	\$ 64,000
Town Manager	\$ <u>215,350</u>
Transfer to CIP	\$ 200,000
Treasurer	\$ 280,600

Revenue Summary

	FY 2008-09 Proposed
<u>Local Taxes / Fees</u>	
911 Telephone Tax	\$ 75,000
Bank Franchise Tax	\$ 40,000
Building Permits	\$ 20,000
Business License Tax	\$ 220,000
Community Development Fees	\$ 7,500
Consumer Utility Tax	\$ 105,000
Consumer Utility Tax (Consumption)	\$ 42,000
Machinery and Tools Tax	\$ 2,350,000
Meals Tax	\$ 190,000
Other Local Taxes (1)	\$ 57,000
Penalties and Interest	\$ 40,000
Personal Property Tax	\$ 890,000
Public Service Corporations Tax	\$ 60,000
Real Estate Tax	\$ 1,981,000
Sales Tax	\$ 190,000
Traffic Fines	\$ <u>55,000</u>
Total \$	6,322,500
<u>Intergovernmental</u>	
State Aid to Localities (non-School) (2)	\$ <u>149,400</u>
Total \$	149,400
<u>Other Revenues</u>	
Bank Interest	\$ 110,000
Miscellaneous Revenues (3)	\$ 183,300
Payments from Other Agencies	\$ 194,500
Cemetery Revenues	\$ <u>2,000</u>
Total \$	489,800
Total General Fund Revenues \$	6,961,700
<u>Capital Improvement Program Revenues</u>	
VDOT Enhancement Riverwalk	\$ 165,000
VDOT Enhancement Visitor Center	\$ 256,600
FY08-09 Transfer From General Fund	\$ <u>300,000</u>
Sidewalks	\$ 10,000
VDOT Riverwalk II	\$ 344,000
VDOT Kirby St. Gateway	\$ 585,500
CDBG Kirby St.	\$ 1,000,000

Electoral Board	\$	2,500
Court Appointed Council	\$	4,000
Total	\$	981,650

CDBG Snap 2007	\$	600,000
Developer Contribution	\$	100,000
Bonds Proceeds Snap 2007	\$	1,850,000
Fiber Conduit	\$	160,000
FY 08-09 Transfer from General Fund	\$	200,000

Non-Departmental \$ **617,900**

Total CIP Revenues \$ **5,570,500**

Grand Total General Fund & CIP Revenues \$ **12,532,200**

Capital Improvement Program \$ **5,570,500**

West Point Public School Revenue

Intergovernmental – Public School

Federal Aid for Public School \$ 284,036

State School Aid \$ 5,387,131

Total \$ **4,951,753**

Grand Total General Fund & CIP Expenditures \$ **18,800,535**

Other Revenues – Public Schools

Tuition and other School Revenue \$ 410,475

Total School Fund Revenue \$ **6,268,335**

Grand Total General, CIP & School

Revenues \$ **18,800,535**

Total Town Budget (minus School Budget) \$ **9,054,200**

Water Utility Expenditures

Water Utility Revenues

Billing & Collections \$ 60,800

Water Service Charges \$ 510,000

Water Supply \$ 99,600

Water Connection Fees \$ 5,000

Water Distribution \$ 284,300

Facility Fees \$ 35,000

Reimbursement to the Gen Fund \$ 40,000

Voluntary Request Water Service On/Off \$ 500

Re-Payment for Capital Expenses \$ 67,000

Water Meter Purchase \$ 1,500

Non-Departmental Water \$ 9,500

Water Cut-off Non-payment \$ 3,000

Facilities Fee Reserve \$ 35,000

Transfer from Water Reserve \$ 40,000

Grand Total Water Utility

Expenditures \$ **596,200**

Misc. Operating Charges \$ 500

Grand Total Water Utility Revenues \$ **596,200**

Tax Rates

FY 08

FY09

Real Estate \$0.70 per \$100 assessed value

\$0.60 per \$100 assessed value

Personal Property \$3.30 per \$100 assessed value

\$3.30 per \$100 assessed value

Machinery & Tools \$2.25 per \$100 assessed value

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A complete copy of the budget may be obtained from Karen Barrow, Clerk of the West Point Town Council at Town Hall, 329 6th Street, West Point, Virginia 23181.

By Order of the West Point Town Council