

**TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 18, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Point Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 18, 2009. The Honorable James H. Hudson III called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Reverend Beth Palmer gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Vice Mayor, Deborah Ball; Charlie Gordon; Tina Gulley; Wayne Healy; Jack Lawson; Gail Nichols and Bub Shreaves.

Also Present: Trenton L. Funkhouser, Town Manager; Andrea Erard, Town Attorney; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Bill Hodges, Chief of Police; Holly McGowan, Community Development Coordinator and other interested persons.

II. CITIZENS ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

A. Citizens Address to Council

Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to address Town Council on any Town related business.

1. Lucy Thornton Edwards, 222 12th Street, West Point, Virginia advised that she had not received any communications from City Switch regarding the tower located on Norfolk Southern Railroad. Ms. Edwards advised she opposed the tower and had some concerns with Cityswitch and their regard for local residents.

2. Frances Thornton, 1121 Kirby Street, West Point, Virginia advised she was concerned with tractor trailers that were leaving the chipping plant and driving South on Kirby Street.

Mr. Hudson asked the Public Safety Committee to review the truck traffic leaving the chipping plant at the next meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Hudson asked if there was any one else that would like to address Town Council. There being none, Mr. Hudson closed the Citizens Address.

III. COUNCIL RESPONSE

None were noted.

IV. AGENDA CHANGES

Mrs. Ball made a motion to adopt the following agenda changes: 1) Fencing at the T-Ball field To be placed under the Community Development Committee. 2) Authorization to advertise for a public hearing on the Directional Sign text amendment to be placed under the Planning Commission Report, seconded by Mrs. Gulley. Upon roll call, Deborah Ball; Charlie Gordon; Tina Gulley; Wayne Healy; Jack Lawson; Gail Nichols and Bub Shreaves all voted "Aye".

V. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Gordon made a motion to adopt the following consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Shreaves. Upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Healy, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Shreaves all voted "Aye".

- 1) Minutes of April 27, 2008 Town Council Meeting and Work Session
Town Council Work Session May 11, 2009.
- 2) Cash Reports
 - a) General Fund
Cash on hand as of April 30, 2008 - \$3,528,851.54
 - b) Water Fund
Cash on hand as of April 30, 2008 - \$711,231.31
 - c) CIP
Cash on hand as of April 30, 2008 - \$5,621,172.90
- 3) Monthly Budget Report
- 4) School Fund Cash Report
 - a) Cash on hand as of April 30, 2008 - \$564,178.59
- 5) West Point Monthly Police Activity Report
- 6) Building Official Monthly Report
- 7) Public Works Monthly Permit Report
- 8) Community Development Monthly Permit Report
- 9) Treasurer Monthly Report

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Safety – Mrs. Gulley reported for the Committee.

Mrs. Gulley advised there was nothing to report.

B. Finance Committee – Mrs. Ball reported for the Committee

Mrs. Ball advised there was nothing to report.

C. Education Committee – Mrs. Nichols reported for the Committee

Mrs. Nichols advised there was nothing to report.

D. Public Works – Mr. Gordon reported for the Committee

Mr. Gordon advised there was nothing to report.

E. Economic and Community Development – Mr. Lawson reported for the Committee

1. T-Ball Fence

Mr. Lawson made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to expend up to \$6,000 for the installation of the sideline and outfield fences for field five following the receipt of at least one more quote for the specified work and selection by the Town Manager of the lowest and most responsive bidder, seconded by Mr. Shreaves. Upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Healy, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Shreaves all voted “Aye”.

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S ITEMS

Mr. Funkhouser advised there was nothing to report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Cityswitch Alley Request

Mr. Shreaves made a motion for Town Council to deny the request to abandon the alley, seconded Mr. Healy. Upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Healy, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Shreaves all voted “Aye”.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission Report - Mr. Hudson

Mr. Hudson advised the following were action items of the Planning Commission regularly scheduled monthly meeting on May 6, 2009: 1) The Planning Commission

conducted a public hearing on ordinance 05-09, direction signs text amendment. 2) Planning Commission reviewed and adopted changes to the bylaws of the West Point Planning Commission. 3) Scheduled a work session on May 20, 2009 to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Ordinance 05-09 – Directional Sign Text Amendment

Mr. Lawson made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to advertise for a public hearing on June 29, 2009 on Ordinance 05-09 – Directional Sign Text Amendment, seconded by Mrs. Ball. Upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Healy, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Shreaves all voted “Aye”.

C. Proclamation for Kim Denmark [See Attached]

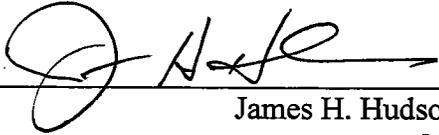
Mr. Hudson read the proclamation and thanked Ms. Denmark for her commitment and dedication to welfare reform, the homeless population, and to homeless veterans.

Ms. Denmark thanked the Mayor, Town Council and the citizens of West Point for their support with her march to Washington DC.

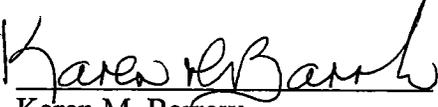
X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Hudson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

These minutes were transcribed by Karen M. Barrow, Town Clerk.


James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF WEST POINT VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Kim Denmark has been walking across the United States since 2002 on her route to Washington DC in order to raise awareness to homelessness, poverty and especially homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, Kim Denmark has walked through sixteen States traveling over 4,000 miles wearing out twenty-two pairs of shoes; and

WHEREAS, Kim Denmark brought her message and concerns to the citizens of the Town of West Point on May 7th 2009 while on route to Washington DC; and

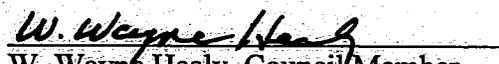
WHEREAS, Kim Denmark is committed to visiting homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and other points of interest where she can receive documentation and hear live testimonies from the public regarding homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Council of the Town of West Point recognizes Kim Denmark for her commitment and dedication as an envoy on behalf of the homeless population and welfare reform.

Certified to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Town Council of the Town of West Point at its regular monthly meeting held May 18th, 2009 at which meeting a quorum was present and voted throughout.

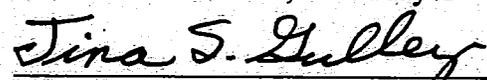

James H. Hudson III, Mayor

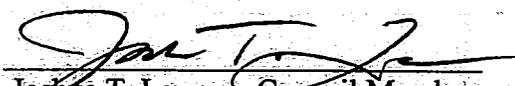

Charles D. Gordon, Council Member


W. Wayne Healy, Council Member


Gail C. Nichols, Council Member


Deborah Thorne-Ball, Vice Mayor


Tina S. Gulley, Council Member


Joshua T. Lawson, Council Member


O. B. Shreaves, Council Member