

**WEST POINT TOWN COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23rd, 2012**

I. Call to Order

The West Point Town Council conducted a budget work session on Thursday, February 23rd, 2012, at 329 6th Street West Point, Virginia. The Honorable James H. Hudson III called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Vice Mayor, Deborah Ball; Charlie Gordon; Tina Gulley; Paul Kelley; Jack Lawson; Bub Shreaves and Chris Vincent.

Also Present: John B. Edwards, Jr., Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; TC Moore, Town Treasurer; Walt Feurer, Director of Public Works and other interested persons.

II. FY Budget 2012-13

Mr. Edwards presented Town Council with a power point presentation showing the budget cuts in four categories prioritizing the cuts. Included in the cuts would be funding to outside agencies, a reduction in the workforce, education training and LEOS from the Police Department, several line items would be level funded. The cuts in all four categories would total \$813,230.85 there would still be a budget short fall of \$219,046.15 including a \$184,994 request from the schools. Mr. Edwards advised that a tax increase would be needed to balance the budget short fall.

Mr. Hudson advised that Mr. Edwards needs a directive from Town Council to continue working on the budget.

Mr. Edwards presented Town Council with a tax rate work sheet containing two charts. The first chart showed an increase by cents, the second chart showed an increase by percentages. Mr. Edwards also stated that the budget does contain a program for the HVAC replacement project at the schools.

The consensus of Town Council is for the Schools to be responsible for finding \$184,994 in their budget and for the Town Manager to prepare draft figures for a 5 percent tax increase.

III. Closed Session

Bub Shreaves made a motion to enter into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-344(A)(1) a personnel matter for the discussion or consideration of salaried or other compensation of specific employee's. Seconded by Chris Vincent upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Shreaves and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

Reconvene into open meeting.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to reconvene into public session, seconded by Mr. Shreaves. Upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Shreaves and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

Certification

Mr. Shreaves made a motion to certify that in Closed Session just concluded that public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by Town Council. Seconded by Mr. Lawson, upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Shreaves and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk