

TOWN OF WEST POINT
FY 2013-14 Budget Public Hearing
June 17th 2013
Minutes

I Call to Order

The Honorable James H. Hudson, III called the meeting to order on June 17th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Tina Gulley; Wayne Healy; Bub Shreaves and Chris Vincent.

Also Present: John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Interim Chief of Police, Bobby Mawyer; TC Moore, Town Treasurer; Walt Feurer, Director of Public Works; Holly McGowan and other interested persons.

II PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 05-13 / Tax Rate

Mr. Edwards, the Town Manager presented a power point presentation reflecting the difference in the original adopted budget. Mr. Edwards advised that due to the issues with King William County, the town budget does not change, the revenue will change due to funds the town expects to receive from King William County and the Safe Routes to Schools has been put back into the budget.

Mayor Hudson read the advertised public hearing and asked the Town Clerk if any requests were received to view the ordinance or for assistance to attend the meeting.

The Town Clerk advised no requests were received.

Mayor Hudson opened the floor for citizens to comment on Ordinance 05-13.

1. Dick Robins, P.O. Box 820, Kilmarnock, Virginia, stated that he lives in Kilmarnock but owns property in West Point. Mr. Robins advised that he would prefer West Point received his taxes and not King William.

Mr. Hudson advised that legislation will be prepared for the General Assembly that would allow the split levy tax rate next year.

Mr. Hudson asked if anyone else would like to comment on Ordinance 05-13. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

a. Action

Mrs. Ball made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-13, seconded by Mr. Shreaves. Upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Healy, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Shreaves and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

B. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget

Mr. Hudson read the advertised public hearing and asked the Town Clerk if anyone asked to view a copy of the budget or if any requests were received for assistance to attend the meeting.

The Town Clerk advised no requests were received.

Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to comment on the advertised budget.

1. Duddly Olsson, 4170 Tanager Court, West Point, Virginia, Chairman of the West Point School Board advised that the School Board thanked Town

Council for their support with the budget and for all the work done as we work through the issues with King William County. The School Board is available if Town Council needs any assistance while working through the process with King William.

2. Garland Jenkins, 3470 Southern Avenue, West Point, Virginia thanked Town Council for all the hard work that has been done with regard to King William County.

Mr. Hudson asked if the Chamber of Commerce is moving forwards with their project to commission a study on the possibilities the Town being its own independent Town.

Mr. Jenkins advised that the Chamber of Commerce is moving forward with the project and working with the College of William and Mary.

Mr. Hudson asked if anyone else would like to comment on the FY 2013-14 Budget. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Hudson advised that he has a letter prepared to send to Travis Moskalski, Chairman of the King William Board of Supervisors regarding the meeting dates for discussion and preparation of the legislation for the General Assembly. Mr. Hudson thanked town residents for their support while working through the issues with the County.

Mr. Lawson asked Mr. Edwards to explain why Safe Routes to Schools has been put back into the budget.

Mr. Edwards advised that the original bid process brought in bids that were 27% higher than the engineer suggested, therefore VDOT would not approve the project and asked for the bids to be re-advertised. Upon re-advertisement, the bids were even higher. With the strict requirements placed on the project by VDOT and the high bids, the Town was unable to move forward with the project. VDOT has now agreed to allow the town the use of the funds from phase II to complete the project with no matching requirements. The total grant funds is approximately \$220,000 for Phase I and Phase II, the project will go out to bid for the third time in July. Now that VDOT are going to approve the project the funds need to be shown as revenue and expenditures in the budget.

Mr. Hudson advised that due to the State Code, Town Council has to wait 7 days after the Public Hearing before they can adopt the budget. All citizens are welcome to attend the Town Council meeting next Monday for the adoption of the budget.

There being no further business, Mayor Hudson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk