

**WEST POINT TOWN COUNCIL
CONTINUED MEETING
A JOINT WORK SESSION WITH
WEST POINT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 5th, 2013**

I RECONVENE

The Honorable James H. Hudson III reconvened the February 25, 2013 Town Council meeting at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by a Joint Work Session with the West Point School Board regarding the FY 2013-14 Budget.

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

Also Present: John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; TC Moore, Town Treasurer; Dr. Jeffery O. Smith, School Superintendent; Members of the West Point School Board; Members of the School Faculty and Staff.

II. JOINT WORK SESSION WITH WEST POINT SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Smith presented Town Council with a power point presentation reviewing a summary of the FY 2013-14 School Budget and stated that the proposed school budget is \$3,867,929, with local contribution increase of \$47,929 and a recommendation for a 1% salary adjustment for teachers and employees. Dr. Smith reviewed the accomplishments of the Students and advised that it has become increasingly difficult to remain competitive with other school systems to keep good teachers.

Jack Lawson stated that last year Town Council gave the School Board a loan of \$79,000 that was included in the budget and the School Board did pay back those funds. Mr. Lawson asked if the \$79,000 had been removed from the budget.

Dr. Smith advised no.

Paul Diggs had to leave the meeting and stated before he left that the School Board staff and administration has produced remarkable results with the students. In the private sector achievements like this would receive a pay raise.

Dudley Olsson advised that the school superintendent has prepared an exercise for Council members and School Board members to work in groups on the goals of the school system.

Town Council and the School Board worked in groups to review five different goals listed by the school Superintendent regarding the current economic issues facing education and what can be done to keep quality education in West Point.

Mayor Hudson thanked the School Board for the presentation and stated that Town Staff are still working on the budget, a public hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 22nd, 2013 and will be adopted on April 29th 2013.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Hudson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk