

**WEST POINT TOWN COUNCIL  
CONTINUED MEETING  
A JOINT WORK SESSION WITH  
WEST POINT SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES  
MARCH 4th, 2014**

**I RECONVENE**

The Honorable James H. Hudson III reconvened the February 25, 2014 Town Council meeting at 7:00 PM. on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 1626 King William Avenue, West Point, Virginia. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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 School Board Budget Presentation**

Dr. Smith presented a power point presentation on the School Budget for FY 2014-15 reflecting expected changes in Revenues and Expenditures. Dr. Smith stated that the School Board would like to request a \$285,000.00 increase for the operation budget. The increases in expenditures are primarily due to salary adjustments; health insurance; VRS; Workman's Comp/Liability; instruction and a new position for Special Education at the elementary school.

Paul Kelley asked in regard to teacher's compensation, over the past 3 or 4 years, has there been an increase on a teacher's W2.

Dr. Smith replied that other than the salary increase last year, no other increases have occurred. .

Mrs. Gulley asked what the 61.80% increase for the Food Services is for.

Dr. Smith advised that it is State and federally funded programs providing breakfast to hungry children. There are increasingly higher numbers of hungry children that qualify for breakfast; we also have a program that sends food home with children on Friday so they have food on weekends. They are called Pointer Packs.

Paul Kelley advised that he is concerned about the teacher's salary and that they have not received salary adjustments in some time.

Mayor Hudson advised that the House Bill on the Split Levy Tax was signed by the Governor, the Senate legislation should be signed by the end of the week. Mayor Hudson also stated that RockTenn has informed the Town that Capital Improvements at the Mill are over 3 million dollars' worth of improvements that will increase the Towns revenue. This year the County is having property re-assessments that might change the tax rate. The County has not said what the County tax rate will be. Either way, there will not be enough increases in revenue to fully fund the request for a budget increase this year. Town Council has to fund all departments of the Town not just the School Board. The time might be here when we are unable to fully fund all budget requests.

Elliot Jenkins, member of the School Board stated that budget work sessions are always left so late, Town Council and the School Board should begin working on the budget together earlier in the budget year.

Mr. Edwards stated that he has communicated with the superintendent regarding the budget and that he would continue working with the superintendent regarding the budget. Mr. Edwards also stated that Town Councils Education Committee meets once a month on a regular basis and that

the School Board is welcome to attend the meetings. The school superintendent and Mrs. Olsson do attend most of the meetings.

Mr. Hudson stated that Town Council still has a lot of work to do with the budget and that the budget public hearing is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

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James H. Hudson, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen M. Barrow  
Town Clerk