

**WEST POINT TOWN COUNCIL
CONTINUED MEETING
MARCH 3rd 2015**

I RECONVENE

The Honorable James H. Hudson III reconvened the February 24, 2015 Town Council meeting at 7:00 PM. on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015 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: TC Moore, Town Treasurer; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Chief Bobby Mawyer, WPPD; Dr. Jeffery O. Smith, School Superintendent; Members of the West Point School Board; Members of the School Faculty and Staff and other interested persons.

Mayor Hudson advised that John Edwards the Town Manager sends his apologies he is unable to be here this evening due to a sudden family medical issue.

II School Board Budget Presentation

Dr. Jeffery Smith, School Superintendent presented the School Budget request for FY 2014-15 reflecting increases in expenditures for approximately \$369,966 as follows: 1) Employee Compensation, \$164,181.00. 2) Health Insurance, \$45,000.00. 3) Instructional Supplies & Materials, \$15,000.00. 4) 1 Personnel Position, \$60,000.00. 5) Services, (lawn Care) \$40,500.00. 6) Debt Service Decrease, -\$1,361.00. 7) State Revenue Increase, -\$53,354.00. 8) Loss in Revenue carryover -\$100,000.00.

Jim Hudson advised that the cost of the debt service for the HVAC project for the past year was \$288,061.00 and for next year the cost will be \$462,275.00 an increase of \$174,214 to the Town Budget. The County reassessment is going to require an equalization of the tax rate of 6 cents taking the current tax rate from 64 cents to 70 cents, the County is expected to equalize to 44 cents for a combined rate of \$1.14. To fund the current request by the School Board it will be the equivalent of 12 cents on the real estate tax rate. In order to fund the total amount of all requests will require an 18 cents tax increase.

Mr. Lawson asked what the current enrolment number is.

Dr. Smith advised 769.

Mrs. Olsson asked what the Town employee compensation will be this year.

TC Moore advised it is approximately \$55,000.00 and it is implementing a portion of the Salary Study that was done a year ago.

Paul Diggs asked how much of a salary adjustment will that be.

Mr. Hudson advised that not all employee's will receive a salary adjustment.

Paul Diggs stated that the State are recommending a 3% salary adjustment for teachers but the State will pay 1.5 % and have advised that the locality will have to match the 1.5%. The amount of \$53,354.00 is the funding the State will provide for the salary adjustment and it is not 1.5%.

Mr. Hudson stated that Town Council and the Town Manager have not begun to work on the budget, budget work sessions are scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 12th at the Finance Committee meeting with other work sessions scheduled at each Committee Meeting in the month of March. The Town Council budget public hearing is scheduled for April 21st 2015 at 6:30 PM.

There being no further business. Mr. Lawson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Vincent. Upon a unanimous vote the motion was approved.

James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk