

**TOWN OF WEST POINT**  
**Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Public Hearing**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 17th, 2018**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Honorable James H. Hudson, III called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 17th 2018 in Town Council chambers, 329 6<sup>th</sup> Street, West Point, Virginia 23181.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Vice Mayor, Deborah Ball; Paul Kelley; Robert Lawrence; Jack Lawson; Gail Nichols and Chris Vincent.

Members Absent: Tina Gulley

Also Present: John B. Edwards, Jr., Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Donna Pauley, Human Resource Officer; TC Moore, Town Treasurer; Tim Sawyer, Building Official and other interested persons.

**II. BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. Edwards reviewed a power point presentation that included the revenues and expenditures of the proposed FY 2018-19 Budget. Mr. Edwards stated that the balanced budget will be \$15,252,042.00 with no increases in Town Taxes. The School budget will increase by \$199,350.00 with \$105,000 in CIP funding to the schools. The total increase in the budget is \$343,359.00.

Mr. Edwards advised that in order to balance the water budget there will be an increase of 90 cents per 1,000 gallons bi-monthly to the 10,000 gallons or more users. There is no change to the minimum usage, 70% of users will not be affected by the increase.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2018-19 Budget**

Mr. Hudson stated that the budget was advertised in and Tidewater Review. Mr. Hudson then read the advertisement and asked the Town Manager and Town Clerk if anyone asked to review the budget.

The Town Manager advised that one request was received and the Town honored the request.

Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to comment on the FY 2018-19 Budget. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Hudson advised that due to the State Code, the budget cannot be approved till next week at the regular Town Council meeting.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 01-18, Water Rates**

Mr. Hudson read the advertisement then asked the Town Clerk if anyone asked to review the Ordinance

The Town Clerk advised that no requests were received.

Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to comment on Ordinance 01-18.

- 1 Lou Johnson, 770 River Road, West Point, Virginia advised that she has concerns regarding both the water rate and sewer rate. Ms. Johnson reviewed the water bill for the apartments she owns on 1<sup>st</sup> Street for the past year. Ms. Johnson also stated that she is unable to raise the rent because people in West Point are unable to afford the rent.

Mr. Edwards asked Ms. Johnson how many units are in the apartment building.

Ms. Johnson advised two, one bedroom apartments and two, two bedroom apartments. Ms. Johnson suggested that the State Corporation Commission should be involved in the sewer fees charged by HRSD.

#### **ACTION**

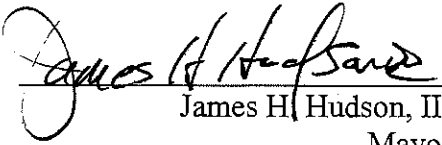
Mr. Vincent made a motion to adopt the attached amended Water Rates, Ordinance 01-18, seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

#### **V. GENERAL INFORMATION**


Mr. Edwards stated that the Education Committee meeting is tomorrow at 4:30 P.M. and the Public Works and Public Safety Committee meetings scheduled for Thursday are cancelled.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Hudson adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

  
James H. Hudson, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Karen M. Barrow  
Town Clerk

Adopted: April 17<sup>th</sup> 2018

ORDINANCE NO. 01-18

ORDINANCE NO. 01-18 AMENDS THE WEST POINT TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 62, "WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL," ARTICLE II, "WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES," SEC. 62-18 "RATES – FOR CUSTOMERS USING WATER SERVICE" TO INCREASE THE WATER RATE FOR USERS OF 10,001 GALLONS OR MORE FROM \$44.90 PLUS \$4.80 PER EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 GALLONS, TO \$44.90 PLUS \$5.70 PER EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 GALLON. ORDINANCE NO. 01-18 ALSO AMENDS SEC. 62-24, "BULK WATER USAGE" TO INCREASE THE RATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK WATER PER 1,000 GALLONS FROM \$7.50 TO \$8.00. ORDINANCE NO. 01-18 IS CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO THE GRANT OF AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN VA. CODE § 15.2-2119.

BE IT ORDAINED by the West Point Town Council that the West Point Town Code, Chapter 62, "Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal," Article II, "Water and Sewer Service Charges," Sec. 62-18, "Rates" be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Sec. 62-18. - Rates—For customers using water service.

Rates for customers using water service furnished by the town shall be as follows, based on bi-monthly water meter readings:

		<b>Bi-monthly Charges</b>
Minimum bill	Up to 10,000 gallons	\$44.90
	10,001 + gallons	\$44.90 + \$5.70 per each additional 1,000 gallons"

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the West Point Town Council that the West Point Town Code, Chapter 62, "Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal," Article II, "Water and Sewer Service Charges," Sec. 62-24, "Bulk Water Usage" be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Sec. 62-24. - Bulk water usage.

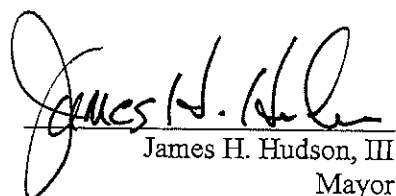
Bulk water sales are available through the Town of West Point Public Works Department. All bulk water customers are required to complete a bulk water application prior to withdrawing any water from the town's water distribution system. All bulk water purchases must be approved

by the West Point Public Works Department prior to withdrawing water. The West Point Public Works Department reserves the right to specify which fire hydrants are to be used for obtaining bulk water. All water withdrawals must be metered by an approved fire hydrant meter to be supplied by the West Point Public Works Department. Approved customers may reserve meters by placing a refundable, security deposit determined by the town. All withdrawal amounts must be submitted to the town as specified by the West Point Public Works Department.

**Bulk Water Rates**

<b>Hydrant Meter Deposit</b> (Refundable upon return of meter in good working condition.)	\$ 700.00
Water charges per 1,000 gals.	\$ 8.00"

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2018.

  
James H. Hudson, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Karen M. Barrow  
Town Clerk