

**TOWN OF WEST POINT  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
March 26th, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The West Point Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on March 26th, 2019. The Honorable James H. Hudson, III called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Invocation was given by Reverend Barbara Marks followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Tina Gulley; Robert Lawrence; Jack Lawson; Gail Nichols; James Pruett and John Ragsdale.

Members Absent: Deborah Ball

Also Present: John B. Edwards, Jr., Town Manager; Andrea Erard, Town Attorney; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; TC Moore, Town Treasurer; Holly McGowan, Community Development Coordinator; Walt Feurer, Director of Public Works; Tim Sawyer, Chief of Police; Jon Morr, Building Inspector; Donna Pauley, Human Resource Officer and other interested persons.

**II. CITIZENS ADDRESS TO COUNCIL**

A. Presentation of a Resolution Honoring Master Police Officer Jason D. Harlow

Jack Lawson presented Susan Harlow with a resolution honoring the late Master Police Officer Jason D. Harlow.

Mrs. Nichols made a motion to adopt the resolution attached, seconded by Mrs. Gulley. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

B. Citizens Address to Council

Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to address Town Council on any Town related business. There being none, the Citizens Address was closed.

**III. COUNCIL RESPONSE**

None was noted.

**IV. AGENDA CHANGES**

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Lawson. Upon roll call Tina Gulley; Robert Lawrence; Jack Lawson; Gail Nichols; James Pruett and John Ragsdale all voted "Aye", the motion was approved.

**V. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adopt the following consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Nichols. Upon roll call Tina Gulley; Robert Lawrence; Jack Lawson; Gail Nichols; James Pruett and John Ragsdale all voted "Aye", the motion was approved.

- 1) Minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting, and March 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 Joint meeting with the School Board.
- 2) Cash Reports
  - a) General Fund  
Cash on hand as of February 28th, 2019 - \$3,480,439.61
  - b) Water Fund  
Cash on hand as of February 28th, 2019 - \$771,990.62
  - c) CIP  
Cash on hand as of February 28th, 2019 - \$-51,876.60

- d) Solid Waste
  - Cash on hand as of February 28th, 2019 - \$185,920.34
- 3) Monthly Budget Report
- 4) School Fund Cash Report
  - a) Cash on hand as of February 28th, 2019 - \$188,869.30
- 5) West Point Monthly Police Activity Report
- 6) Building Official Monthly Report
- 7) Public Works Monthly Permit Report
- 8) Community Development Monthly Permit Report
- 9) Treasurer Monthly Report
- 10) Human Resource Monthly Report

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Economic and Community Development – Mr. Lawson reported for the Committee**

Mr. Lawson advised that the Committee meet on March 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the following:

- 1) A rezoning application from Three Rivers Seafood.
- 2) The town ordinance regarding more than one building on a lot.
- 3) The Shaw alley obstruction permit and
- 4) Vacation rentals by owner.

### **B. Education Committee – Mrs. Nichols reported for the Committee**

Mrs. Nichols advised that the Committee meet on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2019. The school Superintendent provided an update on the school budget and Brian Meadows provide information on renovations at the school complex.

### **C. Finance Committee**

Mr. Edwards advised there was nothing to report.

### **D. Public Safety – Mrs. Gulley reported for the Committee**

Mrs. Gulley advised that there was nothing to report.

### **E. Public Works – Mr. Lawrence reported for the Committee**

Mr. Lawrence advised there was nothing to report.

## **VII. TOWN MANAGER'S ITEMS**

### **A. FY 2019-20 Budget Presentation**

Mr. Edwards presented a power point presentation on the proposed budget for FY 2019-20 and stated that there are no proposed tax increases. Mr. Edwards asked for authorization to advertise for a public hearing for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Gulley made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to advertise a public hearing for April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Upon roll call, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Nichols, Mr. Pruett and Mr. Ragsdale all voted "Aye", the motion was approved.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was nothing to report under Old Business.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

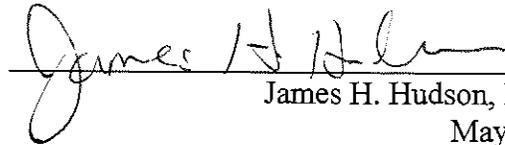
### **A Planning Commission Report - Mr. Hudson**

Mr. Hudson advised that he did not attend the March Planning Commission meeting, however the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the rezoning request by Three Rivers Seafood. They discussed one Main Dwelling on a lot zoning text amendment and the Comprehensive Plan. The next Planning Commission meeting will be

on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 5:00 when a public hearing is scheduled for the zoning text amendment for One Main Dwelling on a lot.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05P.M. Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Hudson adjourned the meeting.

  
James H. Hudson, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Karen M. Barrow  
Town Clerk



**A RESOLUTION HONORING**  
**Master Police Officer**  
**Jason Douglas Harlow**

WHEREAS, Jason Douglas Harlow joined the West Point Police Department as Police Officer I on July 5, 1999, being promoted to Police Officer II on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2003, Sr. Police Officer III on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2007, and Master Police Officer on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2018; and

WHEREAS, Jason was elected by fellow employees as employee of the year in December 2001; and

WHEREAS, Jason served the West Point Police Department in many capacities including service as Investigator from February 2004 through September 2006; he attended investigator school in April 2002, the Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation in May of 2002 and Crisis Intervention training in October 2014; and

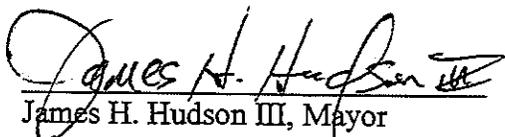
WHEREAS, Jason was a native son of West Point, born and raised here, marrying a West Point native and raising his family here, a devoted, loving husband and father and a faithful friend to everyone in the community; and

WHEREAS, Jason's smile, friendly demeanor, compassion and generosity were legend among his fellow employees and this community; Jason was the face of the West Point Police Department and the very definition of community policing; and

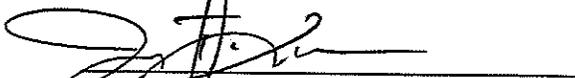
WHEREAS, Jason left us on March 12th, 2019 leaving a void in the hearts of friends, family and the entire community.

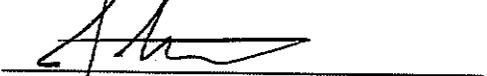
NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of West Point recognizes Jason D. Harlow's faithful service to the Town of West Point and the West Point Police Department for the past 20 years; and the Town Council holds Jason up as a true example of commitment to family and community, thanking Susan and Brendan for sharing him with us; Rest in peace, Jason.

The West Point Town Council unanimously adopts this Resolution in honor of Jason D. Harlow and in support of Susan and Brendan on the 26th day of March 2019.

  
James H. Hudson III, Mayor

  
Tina S. Gulley, Council Member

  
Joshua T. Lawson, Council Member

  
James Pruett, Council Member

  
Deborah Thorne-Ball, Vice Mayor

  
Robert Lawrence, Council Member

  
Gail C. Nichols, Council Member

  
John Ragsdale, Council Member