

**TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 21st, 2020**

I. Call To Order

The Honorable James H. Hudson, III called to order the special called meeting of West Point Town Council on Tuesday, April 21st 2020 at West Point Town Hall, 329 6th Street, West Point, Virginia.

Members Present In Person: Mayor James H. Hudson, III; Jack Lawson, Robert Lawrence, James Pruett and John Ragsdale.

Members Present Via Webex: Deborah Ball, Tina Gulley and Gail Nichols.

Also Present In Person: John B. Edwards, Jr., Town Manager and Karen Barrow, Town Clerk.

Also Present Via Webex: Susan Harlow, Town Treasurer; Tim Sawyer, Chief of Police; Walt Feurer, Director of Public Works and Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development.

Mayor Hudson advised that due to the COVID-19 virus, the town is practicing social distancing. In order to conduct an electronic meeting of Town Council, the Town Attorney has advised that four members of Town Council need to be present in person, the remainder of Town Council can take part in the meeting via electronic method of Webex or Zoom. Mayor Hudson also stated that the Town Chambers is open for citizens to attend the public hearing in person with a maximum occupancy of 10 people.

II. FY 2020-2021 Budget Presentation

Mayor Hudson stated that the Budget Presentation has been available on the Towns Web Site or by request from Town Hall.

John Edwards provided a power point presentation of the budget showing the total budget to be \$16,178,448.00 which includes a reduction in the tax rate of 6.6% across the board for Personal Property, Real Estate and Machinery and Tools. The school budget is \$11,060,345.00, the local contribution to the school budget is \$4,377,525.00 with an additional \$105,000 for school capital improvement projects.

III. Public Hearing – Ordinance 01-2020, Tax Rates

Mayor Hudson read the advertisement for the public hearing then opened the floor for citizens to comment on the Tax Rates.

John Edwards advised that there was no one present to comment on the advertised public hearing.

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing.

IV. Public hearing – FY 2020-2021 Budget

Mayor Hudson read the advertisement for the public hearing then opened the floor for citizens to comment on the proposed budget.

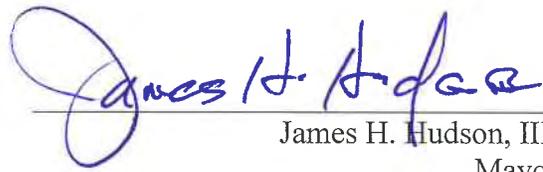
Mr. Edwards advised that there was no one present to comment on the proposed budget.

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing.

Mayor Hudson stated that action will be taken at the April 28th Town Council meeting on Ordinance 01-2020 and the FY 2020-21 budget.

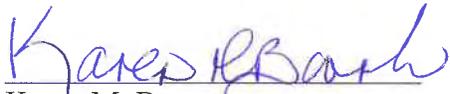
V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Hudson adjourned the meeting at 6.44 p.m.



James H. Hudson, III.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk