

**City of West Point
Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Mayor Billy Ash called the meeting to order 7:00 PM. Mayor Ash lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Mayor Billy Ash, City Clerk/Treasurer Gaye Moore, City Attorney Josh Cooper, Assistant City Clerk/Finance Dwayne Culver and Council members: Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker

1. **MINUTES**

Richard Ciresi made a motion to accept the minutes from March 8, 2021. Kevin Duke seconded the motion. Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes.

1. **New Business:**

Gaye Moore read the second reading of Ordinance 2021-03, an ordinance amending the Nuisance Ordinance.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-03, Fran Moore seconded the motion. Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.

Donna McCreary spoke on the West Point Revitalization Committee event, Three Historic Trails Chautauqua, the event will be October 2-3, 2021. Donna ask the city for their support in the event.

2. **Council Concerns:**

Fran Moore: The Easter event was good, they gave out food, candy and toys.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to have the city included in the Nation Flood Insurance Community Rating System. (CRS).

Annette Baker seconded the motion. Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to appoint Bill Hartley as the City of West Point Community Rating System liaison. His term shall be May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.

Richard Ciresi made a motion for the city staff and council members to provide any information, facility, mailing list, etc. necessary or required to facilitate the City's entrance and improvements in the CRS. Kevin Duke seconded the motion. Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to make a maximum budget of \$500.00 annually to be spent on delivering the CRS program. Funding will be charged to miscellaneous expense category per the current budget. Fran Moore seconded the motion. Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to move the Code Enforcement Officer from four to ten hours a week. Kevin Duke seconded the vote. Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Ash introduced Bob Heuglin, Code Enforcement Officer.

Richard Ciresi asked when are we hiring a Police Officer, Mayor Ash stated he will run the ad again. He will ask the Hardin Co. Sheriff's Office and the Captain of the State Police to come down a couple hours a day.

Richard Ciresi asked if we have a job description for Dwayne Culver yet. Mayor Ash stated we are working on the personnel policy and it will be updated with the policy.

Annette Baker read a request for a River Town Review from the Ohio River Recreation Trail, National Park Service. Annette ask for a signed letter from the Mayor to submit.

Annette Baker asked what is going on with the boat dock? Mayor Ash stated the water needs to stabilize to clean the ramp.

Annette Baker asked what has been done to the bridge? Mayor Ash stated Joseph was getting the materials, once the water goes down the work will start.

Annette Baker stated she would like a copy of everyone's job description.

Annette Baker stated she would like to have a copy of the last approved budget.

Annette Baker would like a list of all ACH payments.

Mayor Ash read Joseph Frost concerns as he was unable to attend this meeting.

A citizen complained about the drainage on Riverview. Mayor Ash stated in 2014 the city paid \$10,000.00-\$15,000.00 for Riverview and Elm Street drainage review. The Elm Street review said 15th street to Hart's pond, should be increase to 10-15 ft wide. Riverview drainage should be 1 ft deep and 20 ft wide from 10th Street to 13th Street. The cost in April 2014 was \$100,000.00 - \$150,000.00.

Joseph Frost would like the Code Enforcement to address the abandon camper at 8th & Elm Streets.

Joseph Frost would like to know about the Holloway contract. Mayor Ash stated it is in the deed for the city was to have some property. It has gone through several Mayor's. It was an agreed judgement and the judge dismissed the agreed judgement.

Joseph Frost would like the Mayor to remind the community of the curfew ordinance, anyone under 18 years of age should be off the streets from 11:00 PM – 8:00 AM

Joseph Frost asked about the tractor. Mayor Ash stated it was in the city's lot. It will be used to mow the boat dock area.

3. **Mayor Report:**

Mayor Ash stated the First Baptist Church was down. Chief Curl and Joe Short took it down. Deputy Judge Executive Daniel London will have a crew here to clean it up in two to three weeks.

Mayor Ash will also meet with Deputy London and the new County Engineer about rip rap. He will try to make the Ohio river Hardin County's number one Hazardous Mitigation project.

Mayor Ash stated the city will get \$162,068.00 from the American Recovery Relief. There will be two payments but they have not been released yet.

No police report this week but there were three accidents and there were a few break-ins.

Ft. Duffield: Gary Masterson stated Park Day is Saturday at 9:30.

Planning & Zoning: Roszelle Moore stated they had a hearing for the demolition of 210 N 11th St., it must be torn down and cleaned up in two weeks.

A hearing for an Auto Repair Shop at 112 N 15th Street, Planning and Zoning recommended the conditional use permit with restrictions. It would be a one-year conditional use permit. Richard Ciresi made a motion to deny the conditional use permit. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Richard Ciresi stated once we start this it will allow other business in residential zoning. Roszelle Moore stated no one came to the meeting to appeal the Conditional Use permit. Gaye Moore stated that she was not given the information to send out letters, the neighbors were not notified. Richard Ciresi made a motion to resend his motion and send it back to Planning and Zoning. Kevin Duke seconded the motion. Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes, motion passed. The Planning and Zoning will reschedule a public hearing.

Code Enforcement: Matty Hartley stated the complaint form has been updated and does not have to be notarized and would like it to be put on the city's website.

Finance Committee: Bonnie Ciresi stated she was finishing up with 2017 and ready to audit. Once 2017 is done she will have financials by May 1st.

4. **Citizen's Concerns:**

Roszelle Moore stated there was an ordinance against poultry and ducks in the city limits unless you have five contiguous acres. The roosters are crowing constantly. She would like to have the ordinance amended to allow a specific number of chickens, without roosters, and have them penned.

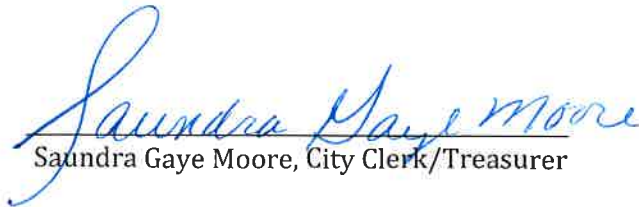
Mike Bickel stated he would like to keep 7th Street road to the park closed. Richard Ciresi, suggested we need to keep it closed until we have a full Police force.

5. **ADJOURN**

Richard Ciresi made a motion to adjourn. Annette Baker seconded. Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.



William C. Ash, Mayor



Sandra Gaye Moore, City Clerk/Treasurer