

**City of West Point  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 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, Assistant City Clerk Gaye Moore, City Attorney Josh Cooper, and Council members: Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker

1. **MINUTES**

Joseph Frost made a motion to accept the minutes from December 14, 2020 meeting. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Ron Luce yes Joseph Frost yes, Fran Moore yes, Richard Ciresi Abstain and Annette Baker yes, motion passed.

2. **New Business:**

Mayor Ash recommended appointing Gaye Moore in the City Clerk/Treasurer position. Richard Ciresi made a motion to hire Gaye Moore for the position, Ron Luce seconded the motion. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi, Annette Baker voted yes. Motion passed.

Gaye Moore was sworn into office by Mayor Ash.

3. **Citizens' Concerns:**

Matty Hartley:

What was going on with the property on sixth street. Mayor Ash stated they have been given a letter and have started to clean up. Will 1099's and W-2 be going out? Mayor Ash stated they will be out before the end of the month

When will a new police officer be hire? Mayor Ash stated the ad will be in the paper starting today and will run for two weeks.

Why does the Police Chief have 2 vehicles? Mayor Ash stated those vehicles belong to the City of West Point/Police Dept.

What is the internet for the police? Mayor stated the police have MDT that run off of air card.

Why is the Chief not in uniform? Mayor Ash stated he doesn't have any that fit at this time.

Why was the Police Chief doing all the electric in the park and maintenance? Noted she does not think the Police should be doing maintenance work.

Was the new council provided with copies of all checks, payments and debits for the last 31 days? Mayor Ash stated they got a financial statement. Do they have a copy of all checks?

Is the cash handled in dual custody?

What's happening with the 12<sup>th</sup> St. property? 5<sup>th</sup> and Main? Mayor stated 6<sup>th</sup> and Main has been talked to and sent a letter. Main Street in front of her, we spoke to the property owner and he is evicting the person there.

What is the city's short-term and long-term loans? Long term are the fire department turnout gear, sewer project and a water project. Short term we don't have any.

Nancy Yelvington ask, what are the police hours? Mayor Ash stated he didn't think we should announce the hours.

Roszelle Moore wanted to know if the COVID vaccine was for West Point residences.

Need to set up a Board of Adjustment and Code Enforcement meeting and swear in new members.

4. **Mayor Report:**

Hardin Co. Recycle is still suspended, they will get our recycle trailer here as soon as they open back up.

Dwayne Culver has been hired in the Assistance City Clerk/Finance position. He will be on 100 hours or less.

Mayor Ash stated he has contacted KLC, they suggest to only amend the present fiscal year budget and not to try to amend any past budget.

Mayor Ash has been trying to reach the owners of the house next to the First Baptist Church to sign a waiver. Once contacted Hardin Co. road crew will begin to remove the church.

Mayor Ash ask the council if they would like to purchase tablet like the former council did. No one was interested.

Mayor Ash say the sewer plant finished up and running on one side, the other side should be up and running soon.

Mayor Ash ask Joseph Frost if he had picture on the washout by the bridge. Louisville Water does not have anyone to do the job they will have to hire it out.

Mayor Ash presented Executive Order AOG 83-64, Members of the finance committee. This will include Annette Baker (council person), Lavinda Curl (former council member), Chuck McCreary (former council member) and Bonnie Ciresi (CPA). This committee will meet as long as needed. This committee will go over bank statements, confirm bank reconciliation and make recommendations for improvement.

The City now owns a four-wheel drive tractor from Red River Army Depot.

5. **Council Concerns:**

Joseph Frost made a motion to amend ordinance 31.37 To remove Building Inspector section from the ordinance. Building Inspector will be reappointed as a citation officer.

Ron Luce asked if this was because of a conflict of interest. Mayor Ash stated he does have someone who may be interested in the position.

Gaye Moore read the first reading. Ron Luce second the motion. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed. Motion attached.

Richard Ciresi presented Ordinance 2021-01 An ordinance relating to the authorization of employment of Citation Office. Gaye Moore read the ordinance. Ron Luce made a motion to except Ordinance 2021-01, Joseph Frost second the motion. Discussion, Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed. Motion attached.

Richard Ciresi presented a motion to comply with KRS 83A.060. Move that Roszelle Moore be appointed to preform or supervise of Cities Ordinances. To put all ordinances on the website. To advise the council no later April 9, 2021 to require codification of all City Ordinances. Fran Moore second the motion. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker. Motion attached.

Richard Ciresi presented a motion to direct the City Clerk to mail each landlord with a letter he drafted (attached). Annette Baker second the motion. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed. Motion attached.

Richard Ciresi presented a motion for Ordinance 2011-3A to specially enforce the amended ordinance 2011-3, paragraph (N). Attached. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Ron Luce stated the amendment is rigidly written. Ron stated he doesn't want to do undue burden on our citizens. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran. Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Ricahrd Ciresi made an amendment to allow the Code Enforcement Officer, with City Council approval, to extend the days from 7 to 15. Ron Luce Yes, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore No, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker 3 voted yes 2 vote no. Motion passed. Motion attached.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to direct Mayor Ash, through the Chief of Police to provide a monthly report. The report would include: number of traffic citations, number of other citations, number of arrests, impounds, property seized, number of hours the city had activity and request for additional services. May stated the employees report to him and it is his choice to report to the council and public. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Mayor Ash stated he would bring the information but would not require any department to be at the council meetings. Ron Luce stated it need more clarity. Ron Luce voted no, Joseph Frost yes, Fran Moore No, Richard Ciresi yes, Annette Baker yes. Motion passed. Motion attached.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to have a Special Meeting on Thursday January 21 at 7:00PM to review financial progress and establish a timeline for completion for audit, and to examine the progress of the enforcement of the nuisance ordinance and make changes or adjustments. Ron Luce second the motion. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Eddie Curl reported on the Fire Department: Training is back to normal schedule after COVID restrictions. Reported two house fires. Chief Curl suggested to have \$25,000.00 a year put in the budget for gear and equipment.


Annette Baker made the motion to place Scott Young on Planning and Zoning. Richard Ciresi second the motion. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.


Richard Ciresi made a motion to go in executive session per KRS 61.810 (C) (F) personnel and litagation. Annette Baker second motion. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed. 9:03PM

Richard Ciresi made a motion to exit executive session with no action take. Fran Moore second the motion. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion Passed.

## 6. **ADJOURN**

Ron Luce made a motion to adjourn. Fran Moore second the motion. Ron Luce, Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed.

  
William C. Ash, Mayor

  
Sandra Gaye Moore, City Clerk/Treasurer