

**City of West Point
Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Mayor Billy Ash called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Ash lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Mayor Billy Ash, City Clerk/Treasurer Gaye Moore and Council members: Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi, and Ron Luce. Kevin Duke

1. **MINUTES**

Richard Ciresi made a motion to accepted the May 10, 2021 minutes. Fran Moore seconded the motion. Joseph Frost made a correction to the minutes, Joseph Frost stated in the May 10th meeting he ask how they were supposed to be spending money without a financial statement each month. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all voted yes. Motion passed with the correction.

2. **Old Busines:**

Mayor Ash stated Hardin Co cleaned up the debris from the First Baptist Church.

Annette Baker read the second reading of Ordinance 2021-04, an ordinance amending chapter 152.030 of the Land Usage Ordinance. Joseph Frost made a motion to accept the second reading, Richard Ciresi seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ron Luce ask why they only had one rooster. Joseph Frost stated you should have one (1) rooster to six (6) chickens. Annette Baker stated since there are so many people complaining about the crowing why can't they just let one out at a time. Richard Ciresi stated we need to compromise with the ones who already have chickens. Fran Moore agreed with allowing two (2) roosters.

Roszelle Moore stated she has no problem with the chickens but the roosters crow all day.

Annette Baker read a change to the ordinance from one (1) crowing to two (2) crowing.

Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all voted yes to the change. The reading was changed.

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

Joseph Frost read the second reading of Ordinance 2021-05, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2001-08. Richard Ciresi made a motion to accept the Ordinance, Joseph Frost seconded the motion.

Annette Baker stated there was concern from accessibility for emergency responders with a fenced in front yard. Richard Ciresi stated there are some people that do want a fenced in their front yard, we should compromise, no chain link in the front yard, it must be picket or vinyl. Annette Baker read a letter of concern from Ms. Bryant. She expressed concerns about existing fences, abandon houses.

Joseph Frost asked if the property on S. 6th Street knows about the fence ordinance?

Ron Luce asked if agricultural property have to apply and pay a fee every time they build a corral? Richard Ciresi stated this would not apply to agricultural property.

Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all voted yes. Motion passed.

Richard Ciresi read the second reading of Ordinance 2021-06 Fee Schedule. Annette Baker made a motion to accept the ordinance, Ron Luce seconded the motion.

Discussion: Annette Baker suggest adding "exempt agriculture" to the ordinance. Lavinda Curl stated the garage fee seemed high. Richard Ciresi stated it is three trip to do a final inspection for a garage. Joseph Frost asked how did our prices compare to other cities? Mayor Ash stated we were much cheaper.

Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all voted yes. Motion passed.

3. **Mayors Report:**

Mayor Ash stated we need to set a workshop date to work on the budget. Monday June 21, 2021at 6:30 PM was set.

Mayor Ash stated restrictions were suggested at the last meeting for Emerald LLC, which purchased Timberwood MHP, but nothing was discussed. FEMA requires RV's to be moved every 180 days. The council agreed to have the RV's moved every six months.

Mayor Ash thanked the West Point Fire Department on their Crusade For Children contribution of \$10,300.

Mayor Ash stated Officer Walker is still off work. The State Police have not cleared him yet, and he will be on Worker's Comp. after The State Police release him until his finger heals. Joseph Frost asked if the police have dash and body cameras. Mayor Ash stated they are outdated. Richard Ciresi stated they need the cost so it can be added to the budget.

Mayor Ash stated he is still working on finding a City Attorney.

Mayor Ash stated we have two Auditors that are going to give us quotes.

Mayor Ash presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Carol Frost, Ethan Frost and Addy Frost for helping keep our city clean.

Mayor Ash stated he and Dwayne Culver filed the paperwork for the American Recovery Act. We will get \$113,000.00 for 2021-22, \$113,000.00 for 2022-23. This money must be spent no later than December 2024. We will be able to use the money on water, waste water and storm water.

Mayor Ash stated he has put in for the KIA grant through Hardin Co., Senate Bill 150. This will go for water and sewer projects.

Mayor Ash stated we received seven NOV's on the sewer plant from 2018-2020. The fine was \$25,000.00, I was able to negotiate the fine to \$3,000.00. The sewer plant is now fixed.

Mayor Ash stated we get annual lease payments for the cell towers on the water tank. Sprint \$21,900.60, AT&T \$23,164.16 and T Mobile \$17,490.00, Bluegrass paid a one-time fee years ago.

Gaye Moore reported the River Day's committee has been in discussion about this year's festival but don't think it is possible to have the festival this year without sponsors.

Mayor Ash stated he could not get Mr. Hurley to answer his emails or return his calls. We will look for a new CPA/Auditor.

Mayor Ash stated Patton Museum had reopened, he attended the ribbon cutting.

Mayor Ash present Ft. Duffield a check for \$1000.00 from Hardin County Court.

4. **Council Concerns:**

Fran Moore presented Joseph Frost with an award for Best Decorated House for Christmas.

Annette Baker read a letter for River Town Review. This will help enhance outdoor activities, trails and help the town promote and bring in tourism.

Joseph Frost asked if 2017 was ready to audit? What is the goal of the finance committee? Bonnie Ciresi stated they review the current bills and bank statements. Joseph Frost ask if the state auditors have been contacted, Mayor Ash stated they have stepped back since there are so many agencies involved in the investigation. Have we hired an officer yet? Mayor Ash stated we have spent \$1,000.00 on ads and have not gotten anyone from them. What is happening with the flag pole? Mayor Ash state he will get with Joseph and Butch. Joseph stated he and Ron Luce met with Brian Smith, they discussed rip rap and will contact the core of engineers and Nancy Tate. Joseph stated his grant for Kubota was denied. Joseph stated he was against blocking off 7th street going to the river. River Sweep will be Saturday but may have to be rescheduled.

Ron Luce stated he and Joseph meet with Brian Smith. Ron stated he would like to partner up with Ft. Knox public relations, they hold a quarterly meeting and the public is invited.

Richard Ciresi asked where are we with the auditors? Mayor Ash stated he was talking with two, he was just waiting for a quote.

Richard stated he has filed for an extension on the sewer plant until December 2021.

Richard Ciresi asked when are we going to amend this year's budget? Mayor stated we plan to have it done next Monday.

Richard Ciresi asked if we have heard from the IRS, we need to put the payment into the budget. Ron Luce suggested we make voluntary payments. Mayor Ash stated we can run it for 10 years or longer.

Mayor Ash stated the UFIRS have been filed in Frankfort.

5. **Citizens' Concerns:**

Joe Short requested a business license for a haunted attraction at the old Duvall Mobile Home Park. Joe stated all the traffic will be ask to enter the south end of town, the fire department will assist to parking cars, Jason Vogt will allow additional parking on his property if needed. Richard Ciresi made a motion to grant the business license with the one time conditional use permit, Ron Luce seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all vote yes. Fran Moore abstained. Roszelle Moore asked if they would need a conditional use permit?

Theresa Walker asked if the park can be closed on July 4th at 11:00, since the executive order says 10:00 PM, she has it rented and would like to have it opened later.

Lavinda Curl stated the Purple Heart sign was gone on Main Street. Mayor stated he will try to find one to replace it.


Nancy Yelvington stated her neighbors play loud music all hours of the night who do they call? Mayor Ash stated the State Police and Sheriff Office is helping with calls.

Joseph Frost asked if the radar on Main Street working?

Richard Ciresi stated the garbage truck was leaving a mess on the streets. Gaye Moore stated she had spoken with our rep and he was supposed to check on it.

6. **ADJOURN**

Richard Ciresi made a motion to adjourn, Ron Luce seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Annette Baker, Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all voted yes. 9:06 PM


William C. Ash, Mayor


Sandra Gaye Moore, City Clerk/Treasurer