

**City of West Point
Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 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, Assistant Clerk/Finance Dwayne Culver, City Attorney Josh Cooper, and Council members: Ron Luce, Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker

1. MINUTES

Ron Luce made a motion to accept the minutes from February 8, 2021 meeting. Kevin Duke second the motion. Annette Baker made correction: of to if. Ron Luce, Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed with correction.

2. New Business:

Andy Lange of Kentucky Rural Water presented the suggestions of utility rate increase study. He stated there was no clear confidence in the number. There has been no increase since 2017. Current rates for fiscal year 2020 show a loss of \$6950, suggests a rate increase of 12% with a revisit after a full year. Richard Ciresi stated in about 6 weeks we should have better financials. Mayor Ash suggested we raise penalties. Mayor Ash suggest to put in the ordinance some type of percent to raise rates every year. Richard Ciresi asks what else can Kentucky Rural Water do for the city. Andy Lange stated they could come and help do leak detection.

3. Council Concerns:

Fran Moore: The Easter Committee will take the Easter Eggs and Easter Bunny to the Caboose at 4th and Main this year. Date to be determined.

Fran stated she is working on the Welcome Packets. Have talked to all the churches to include their information, and would like to put a copy of the nuisance ordinance in the packet. Richard Ciresi stated he is working on a brochure.

Richard Ciresi asked Ron Luce if he has anything on the Industrial Park. Ron stated he has not had time; this is his busy time. Richard Ciresi stated nine houses on Riverview had water, no substantial damage. Richard stated he would like to figure some way to block off Riverview Drive when the river is high. Mayor Ash stated we could have gates or barricades placed and can be blocked by resolution when the water come up. Richard stated he would work on a resolution.

Code Enforcement has made new documents.

Drainage: North 14th and Mulberry and 10th and Main. Mayor stated we have document and shots on how to fix north 10th Street to 13th Street, and document and shots on how to fix 15th street to Hart's pond.

Do we have a schedule to clean out the culverts on a regular basis?

What's the status on the new tractor? Mayor Ash stated Butch changed the oil and fluid, should be ready to use. May need some hydraulic work.

What is the progress on the church? Mayor Ash stated they took the stained-glass windows out, the museum has them. Haven't got a waiver signed yet.

Have you gotten a job description written up for Dwyane? Mayor Ash stated he hasn't gotten that yet.

Ron Luce stated there has been some complaints about the traffic on 7th street going to the ball court. Is it possible to get some removeable post to block the street from traffic. Mayor Ash stated we can do something and put a time limit on playing ball. Ron stated he will get cost on the materials.

Richard Ciresi read proposed amendment to ordinance 2011-03. Mayor Ash stated this is to help the renters, land ord and citizens to make their properties look better. Will give more strength to the inspectors and health departments.

4. Mayor Report:

Mayor Ash ask if the council would like to set a time to close the basketball court? After much discussion it was agreed to close the park at 10:00 PM.

Louis Marcili has agreed to be the Building Inspector. He will inspect homes, garages and commercial buildings. Richard Ciresi will still be the Flood Plain Coordinator. All prefab sheds, carports, fences will go through Planning and Zoning. Richard Ciresi stated we will have to raise our permit fees.

The City didn't get any water in the park bathrooms, we did get some in the basement of the firehouse and in two electric panels at the park.

The recycle trailer is in place behind the caboose.

We are in a floodplain, in 70 years we had 41 floods over 56 foot.

Talked to John Stiff from Hardin Co. School about using the building. Mr. Stiff stated the rooms would have to be COVID sanitized after each meeting and sign an agreement.

Police had three citations for the month.

Feeding America will be at 4th and Main March 11, 2021 from 9-11.

Fire Department report: Fire Chief Eddie Curl stated they were back in training. They made five runs. The Laçy's Auxiliary will be selling raffle tickets for Crusade for a \$50.00 Amazon gift card. Discussing a drive thru fish fry.

Ft. Duffield: Gary Masterson stated they worked last Saturday to clean up the park. The road need repaired.

Planning & Zoning: Roszelle Moore stated they had a couple of Conditional Use Permits and a Fence permit.

Finance Committee: Bonnie Ciresi stated they had two committee members at the meeting. They reviewed the bank statements and invoices.

5. **Citizen's Concerns:**

Nancy Yelvington asked who to call at 2:00 or 3:00 AM when the neighbors are fighting. Mayor Ash stated to call 911. Roszelle Moore asked if there is any plan for the fire department to buy house numbers? Mayor Ash stated no, but it is an ordinance to have house numbers.

What is the process of the business license? Mayor Ash stated if it is a normal license, he usually signs off on it, but if it is a controversial one, he would bring it before the council.


Mr. Conner of 112 N 15th Street brought a request for a map amendment, Mayor Ash turned the application over to the Planning and Zoning.

6. **ADJOURN**

Richard Ciresi made a motion to adjourn. Ron Luce second the motion. Ron Luce, Kevin Duke, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Annette Baker all voted yes. Motion passed. 8:51PM



William C. Ash, Mayor



Sandra Gaye Moore, City Clerk/Treasurer