



City of West Point  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 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. Annette Baker lead in prayer for former council member Thomas Duke. Present were: Mayor Billy Ash, City Clerk/Treasurer Gaye Moore, Finance/Assistant City Clerk Dwayne Culver and Council members Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Kevin Duke, Richard Ciresi, and Ron Luce.

1. **MINUTES**

Ron Luce made a motion to accept the July 12, 2021 minutes. Kevin Duke seconded the motion. Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Kevin Duke, Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all voted yes. Motion passed.

2. **Old Business:**

Mayor Ash presented the job descriptions for Finance/Assistant Clerk Dwayne Culver and Public Works Supervisor Curtis Board to the council.

Mayor Ash stated he spoke with Chris Johnson from KLC, if the council was interested, we can transfer emergency equipment from one agency to another without advertising. He had several agencies contact with interest of the Polaris and Police cruiser. Mayor Ash stated he will start with more than the reserve set on both items. All council agreed. Mayor Ash stated he will bring it back to the council for approval.

Mayor Ash stated Cindy Young would like to serve on Board of Adjustments, he swore her in.

Mayor Ash stated he received a letter from DOW, we had \$25,000.00 in violation fines, it was negotiated down to \$3000.00. This has all been paid. DOW inspected the plant, we have met all the requirements and the case is closed as of June 8, 2021.

3. **New Business:**

Mayor Ash presented the council with the 2020-2021 amended budget. Richard Ciresi stated this is not accurate enough to pass. Mayor Ash stated he would like Richard, Dwayne and himself to get together to work this out.

4. **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Ash stated the American Recovery Fund bank account was opened.

Mayor Ash stated he met with the new Garrison Commander.

Mayor Ash stated LTADD will administer the American Recovery Fund for one half to no more than one percent. Richard Ciresi stated it would be worth it if they are going to guarantee compliance.

Mayor Ash stated he hired Clauson & Mouser for the city's auditor. They will meet with Bonnie Ciresi on Friday. The June 30, 2017 audit will be \$17,000, the June 30, 2018 audit will be \$7500.00 the June 30, 2019 audit will be \$14,000.00, the June 2020 audit will be \$7500.00 and the June 30, 2021 audit will be \$14,000.00.

Mayor Ash stated he hire Jennifer Hall for the city's Attorney. Ms. Hall will charge \$150.00 a month to attend the council meetings and additional work will be \$100.00 per hour.

Mayor Ash stated he fill out a RAP application with the DOW.

Mayor Ash stated the sewer plant contractors have been paid off. We are waiting for a check from the state for the final payment and will pay the engineer with that money.

Mayor Ash stated our mower needs a new deck, we have sent it to be worked on, in the mean time Chief Curl has contacted the jail and they are loaning us a mower for as long as we need.

Mayor Ash stated Officer Walker has been released from the State Police and Commonwealth Attorney. He has been cleared from his incident. He has returned to work.

Mayor Ash stated Kentucky Rural Water is helping track water loss through leaks.

Mayor Ash stated SB 36, Clean Water Bill, passed in last session. Hardin Co. was allotted over \$4,000,000.00. We have had a waste water project in the works since 2013 approved but not funded. This is the lift station in front of Duvall's on Dixie Highway. Mayor Ash stated he has applied for the fund for this project.

Mayor Ash stated the 2010 Census population was 797, the 2021 Census estimates our population to be 932.

Mayor Ash stated the air condition at the Fire House is fixed in the upstairs. The squirt is broke, it will cost \$2500.00 to tear it down to inspect it, probably will cost \$10,000.00 to fix it.

5. **Citizen Concerns:**

Roszelle Moore ask if the attorney hired has experience with municipal law? Mayor Ash stated no and read her resume of job experience, he stated that he hired according to what was in the budget. Ms. Moore asked where are we on not spraying the ditches? Mayor Ash stated he told Curtis to stop spraying. Ms. Moore asked Ron Luce if he had inventoried the water plant yet? Ron state he had not yet.

Cindy Young ask who she need to talk to about a donation to the police department. Mayor Ash told her to see the Police Chief.

Planning & Zoning: Roszelle Moore reported they had a shed and fence permit for 801 Main, they are working on the Comprehensive Plan.

Code Enforcement: Matty Hartley reported they are working on 11 properties, on Monday they discussed 3 different property citation issued.

Monie Matthews updated the West Point History Museum. Almost 500 visitors in the last five months. He stated he really needs some volunteers. The museum has gotten some donations. Monie stated this is a City Hall building and appreciated the city taking care of the utilities. The HVAC has been replaced. Three of the stain glass windows from the First Baptist Church have been repaired.

6. **Council Concerns**

Annette Baker gave an update of the Rivertown Review, this was the results from the citizens.

Annette Baker asked if she could get a list of all the property the city owns, Richard Ciresi stated he would provide a list to her.

Annette Baker stated someone suggested to her that we look into the dog ordinance.

Annette Baker asked what the council would need to do to record the council meeting, she would check into what all was needed.

Fran Moore stated she had two welcomes. The Baptist Church gives food out the fourth Saturday of every month from 11:00-1:00.

Mayor Ash stated the Feeding American Truck will be here August 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 at 4<sup>th</sup> & Main.

Ron Luce stated he will get the inventory from the water plant.

Ron Luce stated the caboose is looking worn and dated. He contacted P&L, they agreed to donate the primer, paint and stencils and it will be painted P&L green. They are sending a group of volunteers to help paint. They also will donate for the area around the caboose.

Ron Luce stated he contacted John Campbell, from Ft. Knox community exchange, to get our events out to Ft. Knox families.

Richard Ciresi presented Municipal Order 2021-01 to establish the West Point Revitalization Committee. Fran Moore made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-01. Kevin Duke seconded the motion. Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Kevin Duke, Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all voted yes. Motion passed.

Richard Ciresi presented Municipal Order 2021-02 to establish the Fort Duffield Heritage Committee. Fran Moore made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-02. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Kevin Duke, Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all voted yes. Motion passed.

Richard Ciresi read the first reading Ordinance 2021-08 Re-establish A pay scale for City Employees. Mayor Ash asked if they would like to have time to look over this. Ron Luce asked for more time. Mayor Ash stated he talked to Chris Johnson from KLC, he stated Municipal Order is the easiest way to adopt a pay scale. You will need to ascend the current ordinance, and pass a Municipal Order. Richard Ciresi stated he can write up the ordinance for the next meeting.

Richard Ciresi stated there was concern about the personnel policy. He found a personnel policy the former clerk sent to FEMA, which maybe the right policy. It needs to be brought up to date. Mayor Ash appointed Ron Luce, Richard Ciresi, Gaye Moore and Dwayne Culver on a committee to work on the personnel policy. Richard Ciresi stated he wanted to make Gaye Moore the chairperson for the committee. Richard Ciresi stated he would send out the personnel policy out that he has to work on.

Richard Ciresi stated he found out through the insurance agent the farmers market was covered through the city.

Richard Ciresi asked if we had a maintenance schedule for the lift stations and sewer plant. We need to create a check list of all the maintenance. Ron Luce stated he will help work on a schedule.

Richard Ciresi stated he would like to reserve \$42,000.00 from the ARF money to hire a new Police Officer. Richard Ciresi stated he can have it in a motion for the next meeting.

Richard Ciresi asked if we found a software co for the billing and utility yet. Gaye Moore stated she wanted to talk to the new auditor to see what they suggest.

Richard Ciresi stated he met with Fish & Wild life; they gave him an application which will be due by February. They think they can get some repairs done, the city will responsible for 25%, we will have to keep the ramp cleaned off and mow the grass. We can't charge to park or launch. They will maintain the ramp for 25 years.

Richard Ciresi stated he has been talking with Hardin Co School to see if the city can use the building. Richard stated he was working on a business proposal.

Richard Ciresi stated he has lost the battle with DOW about the McCreary property on the river. Richard Ciresi stated they are using old maps, and they need a no rise certificate to build. You can build but there can not be anything underneath them.

Richard Ciresi stated the LG&E bill was \$3159.13, what was this. Dwayne Culver stated that has been corrected.

### Adjourn

Richard Ciresi made a motion to adjourn. Fran Moore seconded the motion. Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Kevin Duke, Richard Ciresi and Ron Luce all voted yes. Motion passed, 9:04 PM



William C. Ash, Mayor



Sandra Gaye Moore, City Clerk/Treasurer