

City of West Point
Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 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, Assistance City Clerk/Treasurer Dwayne Culver, City Attorney Jennifer Hall and Council members: Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke.

1. **MINUTES**

Joseph Frost made a motion to accept the minutes from November 8, 2021. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Richard Ciresi made a correction: Mayor Ash set the meeting with Hardin Co. Water. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yes. Motion passed with the correction.

2. **Old Business:**

Richard Ciresi stated Hardin Co School Board put off the discussion of the city using the old school building until January. Richard Ciresi and Mayor Ash met with Hardin Co Water to discuss taking over the water/sewer and the billing. Richard Ciresi stated HCW was open to the idea, they will need to look at all the numbers. They will send us a memorandum of agreement. Each entity will have the option to back out at any time. We will still have one employee. Mayor Ash stated their administrative board will have to agree with it. Kevin Duke stated that the lines were old and it would be different if we had a crew to go fix things. Joseph Frost asked what this would do for the clerk's position? Mayor Ash stated he would like to have a remote site.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Susan Mouser presented the 2016-17 audit. Annette Baker made a motion to accept the 2016-17 audit. Richard Ciresi seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yest. Motion passed.

4. **Mayor's Concerns:**

Rip Rap: West Point was selected to move forward to determine how much funding was needed for the riverbank from 4th St. -8th St. The funds will be used to study what is needed.

Verizon want to place a free-standing tower next to the water tower. May renegotiate money.

West Point does not have a safe place for tornados. FEMA will not build a safe house in a floodplain. Joseph Frost asked if we could take donation for the tornado victims. Ron Luce stated he will be going to the area and could drop off what is collected.

INCOME STATEMENT: Dwayne Culver made a correction to the income statement, the three payments to the IRS are not on the statement. All past responsibilities have been made current, we still owe the IRS and State past liability. Richard Ciresi stated the COVID money is not in the budget. Mayor Ash stated. Mayor Ash stated it is in a separate bank account and cannot be spent without council approval. Richard Ciresi stated we need to update our accounting system with the system Bonnie Ciresi is using by January 1 to start off the new year.

Joseph Frost made a motion for the city go with Sage software and Bonnie train. Ricah Ciresi stated if it is more than \$3000.00 then we will bring it back to the council. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Dwayne Culver stated we have not used this software. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yes. Motion passed.

5. **COUNCIL CONCERN:**

Joseph Frost asked if we will have a working session with the Covid Relief funds? Mayor Ash stated after the first of the year we will.

The gazabo is out of plumb, it is 2 inches out. it needs some work.

Can we set a date for the flagpole to be set? Mayor Ash stated they will work on it after the first of the year.

Have we hired a police officer? Mayor Ash stated no.

Do we have any hits on the police vehicles? Mayor Ash stated we had a couple agencies looking.

What is going on with the boat ramp?

Joseph asked Richard Ciresi if he had any more information on the boat ramp. Richard stated he submitted the application for a grant.

Are we going to keep the barriers at seventh street up? Mayor Ash stated no.

Annette Baker: Do we have contract with employees? Mayor Ash stated no they have a Personal Policy and once the new policy is finished all employees will be given one, I will review with them and have them sign off on it. Do we drug test our employees? Mayor Ash stated we have done random drug tests.

Are the funds that were borrowed to pay the past bills going to be put back?

Are we keeping tabs on what should be paid back for each line we borrowed money from? Mayor Ash stated the biggest one we borrowed from was the River Days, we took \$20,000.00 out of that account to pay some bills. Bonnie

Ciresi stated money was put in that account and expenses were paid from General Fund and never put back. Gaye Moore stated all the money in the River Days account was money earned from the boat rides, sponsors, donations to the River Day's and vendors fees. There were not tax dollars put in that account. Gaye Moore request the River Day's have control of their funds the same as other city committee do.

Can we get the balance of each account each month?

Why does water/sewer have so much expense in vehicle repair? Dwayne Culver stated we have the dump truck, pickup truck that is repaired out of water/sewer.

Water has \$400.00 in uniform allowance and Sewer has \$400.00; how much do we usually spend? Richard Ciresi stated that was in the old budget for two employees. How do we determine what they buy? Richard Ciresi stated this needs to be cleared up in the personnel policy.

Code Enforcement procedures, do the people understand what they need to do? Richard Ciresi stated it is on the paper they receive; they need to call Bob.

Fran Moore: Fran Moore thanked Joseph Frost for all his hard work. The parade winners: 1st place Baptist Church, 2nd place Brittany Miller 3rd place Richard Ciresi. Fran Moore stated we need to put it in the budget for new Christmas decorations.

Ron Luce: All of the water plant equipment has been inventoried, the control panels and pumps are workable but not much else is worth anything.

P&L is creating a stencil for the caboose. It will be ready for spring.

Richard Ciresi: Parks committee met. Scott Young divided the park into four sections to rent. The roof needs to be repaired on the amphitheater and it needs to be painted. We are working on new rates for residents and non-residents. The ultimate goal is to fix it and market it

Cell tower contracts and payments all match. Contract states we do all the maintenance. It will cost \$150,000.00 to paint. Richard stated he will start to look for grants, and the ARPA money can be used on it. The guy that would help with the drawing and documents charges 14%. Hardin Co Water suggest the tank get painted if they take over the water/sewer.

Richard stated he has started a list of roads for repair. He would like to get bids 13th St, 2nd St and South 6th St , these were included in the grant from two years ago. Would like to get bids on N 14th St from Geoghegan to Main.

Code Enforcement has issued 36 citations, 11 have complied without incident, four will receive liens.

Have we found out anything on the tele squirt? Mayor Ash stated we are on the list for the guy to come inspect it.

We are still waiting on \$70,000.00 from FEMA money for the sewer plant and retention.

I tried to contact Dave Derrick about the city water valves, he is no longer working. Mayor Ash states he was going to contact Justin Metz with HCW to see what they charge to use their finder.

Richard presented a plaque from Lewis & Clark.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

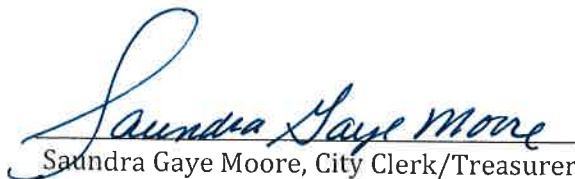
Dwayne Culver stated he would like to ask the council to concern a settlement with the IRS, he was told if we could come up with \$50,000-\$60,000 as a lump sum they could possibly forgive the rest. Richard Ciresi stated we should wait until April 14, 2022 to see what happens.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Richard Ciresi made a motion to adjourn. Joseph Frost seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yes. Motion passed. 9:40 PM



William C. Ash, Mayor



Sandra Gaye Moore, City Clerk/Treasurer