

**City of West Point
Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022 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, City Attorney Jennifer Hall and Council members: Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and

1. **MINUTES**

Kevin Duke made a motion to approve the minutes from November 14, 2022. Richard Ciresi seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yes.
Richard Ciresi made a motion to approve the October financial report. Kevin Duke seconded the motion. Joseph Frost asked about the State Fire Aide money, Mayor Ash stated he would have the fire chief check on it. Richard Ciresi asked what the additional Spectrum was, Dwayne Culver stated it was the fire dept. Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yes.
Gaye Moore read the second reading of Ordinance 2022-08 Amending Budget Ending June 2022.
Richard Ciresi made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-08. Joseph Frost seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yes.

2. **Mayor Report:**

Mayor Ash stated the Police budget has been corrected.
Mayor Ash thanked Fran Moore and her committee for the work on the Christmas Parade and Light Up West Point.
Mayor Ash state he would get the gravel Mr. Duvall requested last month.
Mayor Ash read the letter of resignation from Councilman Ron Luce.

3. **New Business:**

Mayor Ash asked for a motion to go into executive session. 7:13
7:38 Richard Ciresi made a motion to exit executive session: to keep negotiations going with a letter of intent to Hardin County Water #1 with a 30-day extension for the new council after January 1st. Joseph Frost seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yes.

4. **COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Richard Ciresi presented a Resolution to change the all checking account and all bank account as of January 1st taking Mayor Ash off of the accounts. Joseph Frost made a motion to accept the resolution. Kevin Duke seconded the motion. Joseph Frost asked if we could add a third person to the signature, Richard Ciresi stated we cannot be a council member once we change over: we maybe have a chief financial officer or a city treasurer. Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yes.
FEMA will be done with the final inspection December 20th on the sewer plant. \$11,000.00 has not been released yet.
Richard Ciresi made a motion to revise the budget for training, \$500.00 from training \$1500.00 from utilities. We will need \$2000.00 to send four new council members to KLC training. Fran Moore seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke voted yes.
Have the River Day's moved they money yet. Gaye Moore stated al the paperwork was ready for the bank.
We met with Feeding American and they are interested in a food pantry.
Richard stated he had three possibilities for Police Officers.
Richard Ciresi stated there will be a swearing in on December 30, 2022, it has been moved to 5:30 at the gym.
Fran Moore stated Light up West Point the kids received good stuff, we have the Angel Tree is taking care of. House decorating contest will be December 18th.
Joseph Frost thanked the citizens for the opportunity the last two years.

5. **CITIZENS CONCERNS:**

Fred Staley, two months ago we planned to put the flag pole up and it's still not up. Richard Ciresi stated the weather has been bad but it is in the works.
Frank Doyle will our water/sewer rates decrease or increase? Mayor Ash stated it is still being negotiated.
Laurice Bryant asked if the garbage bill will be separate? Richard Ciresi stated Hardin Co Water may collect for us and send it back to us.

Gordon Richie thanked Mayor Ash for his years to West Point.
Laurice Bryant thanked Mayor Ash.
Chris McVey thanked Mayor Ash for his service.
Jo Sabol thanked Mayor Ash for years of service to the community.
Chris Lueken thanked Mayor Ash for helping with the West Point History Museum.
Dwayne Culver stated he appreciates all the work he has done throughout the years.
Bonnie Ciresi thanked Mayor Ash for the cooperation for the last two years.
Camille King stated how proud she was of her father through his many services over the years.
Mayor Ash thanked everyone for the kind words. He read his accomplishment through his terms as Mayor.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Kevin Duke made a motion to adjourn. Fran Moore seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Fran Moore, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke all voted yes. 8:24 PM

William C. Ash, Mayor

Sandra Gaye Moore, City Clerk/Treasurer