

City of West Point  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 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, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi.

1. **MINUTES**

Annette Baker made a motion to accept the minutes from May 9, 2022. Joseph Frost seconded the motion. Annette Baker made a correction of 2020-04. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed. Richard Ciresi made a motion to pass the minutes from June 2, 2022. Joseph Frost seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed. Joseph Frost made a motion to pass the minutes from June 30, 2022. Richard Ciresi seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed. Joseph Frost made a motion to approve the June financial report. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed.

2. **Old Business:**

Mayor Ash stated the contractors should be starting on the water tower soon.

3. **New Business:**

Richard Ciresi presented the updated budget, Ordinance 2022-04. Joseph Frost asked if we are budgeted for two full time officers and one chief? Joseph Frost made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-04 Budget for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Ron Luce seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed. Mayor Ash presented a Waiver & Release form from the insurance company for all the volunteers to sign. Dwayne Culver stated he asked the insurance co if we were covered for volunteers mowing grass, the underwriters advised we need to have a waiver signed by each person. Richard Ciresi stated he wanted to see what the cost was to cover volunteers. Mayor Ash stated spoke with Hardin Co. Sheriff's office to have a deputywork in our city three days a week, eight hours a day. The cost would be \$1032.00 a week. Joseph Frost asked if the chief would make up the rest of the time? Richard Ciresi stated we work a lot of over-time: we need an idea of cost we cannot afford 24- hour coverage. Richard Ciresi made a motion to have the Hardin Co. Sheriff deputy work in our city three days a week. Joseph Frost seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed. Mayor Ash stated he is talking to Hardin Co Water about having someone come work at the sewer plant one to two hours every morning to help. Mayor Ash asked Richard Ciresi if the city had keys to the school yet? Public Works: Joe Short stated he is cleaning up the sewer plant. He is having problems trying to read the water meters. Susan Mouser presented the June 30, 2021 audit. Richard Ciresi made a motion to accept the audit. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed. River Days: Chris Lueken asked the city sponsor the fireworks for the 2022 River Day's which run about \$2500.00. Richard Ciresi stated the River Day's needs to turn in a budget. Annette Baker asked if they River Day's has their own checking account? Gaye Moore stated we have ordered checks for that account. Joseph Frost made a motion to take \$1,000.00 from the recreation fund for the city to sponsor the River Day's. Richard Ciresi seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Richard Ciresi stated we need to have a budget. Revitalization Committee: Bonnie Ciresi stated they made about \$3400.00 on the Chautauqua. They received the check for the T-Mobile grant. Planning and Zoning: Roszelle Moore stated all Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustments members are certified. Roszelle Moore stated shed are being brought in and not going through the permit process. Code Enforcement: Jo Sabol read her resignation statement to the council. Mayor Ash suggested she withdraw her resignations for a couple months and he will meet with the CEO and her. Ron Luce stated the CEO needs to be accountable if he is not capable of doing the job. Richard Ciresi suggested to table the resignation until the Mayor can talk to the CEO at Muldraugh.

4. **COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Joseph Frost asked if Chief Curl was retiring? Mayor Ash stated he was not going to commit on that. Any idea on maintenance people to take over Joe's job? Mayor stated he didn't want to hire anyone until we heard from Hardin County Water. Annette Baker asked if there are trash cans at the boat dock? The trash can at the school playground it not getting empty. There is someone dumping garbage at the boat dock. We need a no littering sign. Fran Moore stated Feeding America will be sitting up site at the school. We would need a key. It will need four volunteers one day a week, and emergencies if needed. They will have the refrigerator and freezer for us to use. Ron Luce stated the caboose should be painted soon. Richard Ciresi stated he was ready to move the council chambers to the school building. Mayor Ash asked why the city offices were not in the administration offices. Richard Ciresi stated we will be using te front offices for the city administration. Richard Ciresi stated we need to join the Ohio Riverway. It's \$500.00 to join, the city will pay \$250.00 and the Revitalization will pay the

other. Joseph Frost made a motion to join Ohio Riverway. Ron Luce seconded the motion, Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed. The sign on Dixie Highway needs repaired. Mayor Ash told Richard Ciresi he could get a price on one but he wanted to see if it could be repaired.

Mayor Ash asked Richard Ciresi if he had all the board members for the school committee, Richard stated he had Pam Stephens, James Mason, Tom Masterson and himself. Mayor Ash asked if there was a key for the fire department to the building. Mayor Ash asked if there could be a lock box for an emergency key.

The school building committee board members so far are Pam Stephens, James Mason,

We have received the money for the repairs for the pavilion. Richard Ciresi asked if we have reported Missy to the retirement.

Dwayne Culver stated he had. I have talked with a developer about the 55 acres the city owns and the old brickyard property.

We need to make the school street a two-way street. The road project is moving forward. Did we surplus the fire truck yet? Mayor

Ash stated it was surplus last meeting, we haven't advertised it yet. Have we transferred the Polaris to the fire department yet?

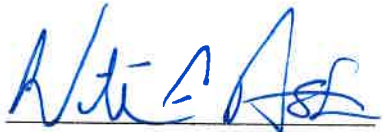
Mayor Ash stated it was still in the container and the fire chief wants it to stay there. We need to put the police cruiser back on the

auction site for \$15,000.00 with no reserve. Have we repaired the backhoe? Mayor Ash stated Mr. Connor has not brought an estimate in yet. Ron Luce stated he will call Eric Duvall to get suggestions.

5. **CITIZENS CONCERNS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Richard Ciresi made a motion to adjourn Annette Baker seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM



William C. Ash, Mayor



Saundra Gaye Moore, City Clerk/Treasurer