

**City of West Point
Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022**

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, Assistant City Clerk/Finance Dwayne Culver, City Attorney Jennifer Hall and Council members: Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi.

1. **MINUTES**

Richard Ciresi made a motion to accept the minutes from February 14, 2022. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to accept the January and February financial statements. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Richard Ciresi asked what is the Water Solutions was for, Dwayne Culver stated the check was voided and carried over but was corrected, it is chemicals for the sewer plant. Richard Ciresi stated the city was favorable by \$59,926.00. Joseph Frosted asked if the Sinking Creek expense for Bee Branch get taken from recreation? Dwayne Culver stated it didn't get taken from recreation. He will have to go back and check.

Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes.

Ms. Mouser presented the 2019 audit. Richard Ciresi made a motion to accept the 2019 audit. Joseph Frost seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes, motion passed.

2. **Old Business:**

Personnel Policy, Gaye Moore stated the committee has been working on finalizing the policy. Richard Ciresi stated the two questions, were whether an employee can carry over 30 or 40-hours vacation time and whether an employee can cash out their vacation. We ended up with a 30 hours vacation carry over, an employee should not be able to cash out vacation because it is not in the budget unless approved by the council.

Richard Ciresi stated we need to put money in next year's budget for KLC to review our policy. Annett Baker asked if she could see the old policy to see what the changes are. Annette backer asked can the policy be any time. Mayor Ash stated Chapter 37 of the ordinance book will be null and replaced with this policy and the new policy will be made by Municipal Order which is easier to change.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to accept the Personnel Policy. Annette Baker seconded the motion.

Richard Ciresi read the Municipal Order for the Personnel Policy. Joseph Frost voted yes, Annette Baker voted yes, Fran Moore voted no, Ron Luce voted yes and Richard Ciresi voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Ash read Ordinance 2022- Amending Chapter 37 Personnel Policy.

3. **New Business:**

Mayor Ash stated he doesn't have any new information on the water tank or fire truck at this time.

Mayor Ash stated the tele-squirt is in the shop is getting fixed. Mayor Ash suggested we surplus the 85, it is not worth fixing.

Mayor Ash stated he met with Bret Guthrie and asked for \$500,000.00 for a new fire truck.

Hardin Co Water 1 has not fixed their leak yet because of the high water.

Mayor Ash stated he looked into cameras that will hard wired and different channels. Four cameras for the park \$1375.00, five at the pole barn \$2300.00. The Police Chief agreed to pay for the second camera at the impound lot out of surplus. Richard Ciresi asked if these are stored in the cloud? Dwayne Culver stated these are DVR. Richard Ciresi stated we Richard Ciresi made a motion to modify the budget by \$3675.00 to purchase cameras for the park and pole barn. Ron Luce seconded the motion. Joseph Frost voted no, Annette Baker voted yes, Fran Moore voted no, Ron Luce voted yes, Richard Ciresi voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Ash stated he would like to start condemnation on 307 Lillie Lewis Way, Susan Morgan is deceased and we have tried to talk to her grandson but he is not willing to talk. Start eminent domain on the way it looks. Mayor Ash stated our sewer main goes through the middle of the property. Annette Baker made a motion to start eminent domain on 307 Lillie Lewis Way. Joseph Frost seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Ricard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed.

Dwayne presented a summary of the Kentucky withholding, sales and usage and gross utility tax liabilities for a total of \$85,186.58. Dwayne stated Kentucky Retirement adjusted the penalties off. Dwayne Culver asked to have the ability to negotiate a settlement with the Ky State Treasure for around \$50,000.00. Richard Ciresi made a motion to authorized Dwayne Culver to negotiate with \$4280.37 a month for 12 months. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Ash stated Sprint cell phone equipment is terminating their cell agreement as of June 30, 2022. It is in the agreement that us or them can terminate. That is \$25,186.00 less revenue a year.

Mayor Ash stated there is a E-scrap event April 30, 2022 in Elizabethtown, Hardin Co landfill will have two free days for Hardin Co. residents. June 4, 2022 and September 10, 2022. Fees will be waived. March 31 & April, 2022 Tire collection event. They have agreed to let us take a collection here for the residents and take a trailer to the landfill.

Mayor Ash stated Hardin Co Water has tested water at the hydrants, the samples were sent out to Frankfort and all have come back clean.

Ft. Duffield: two mountain bike associations is going to clean the bike trials.

Planning and Zoning: Roszelle Moore stated they didn't have anything. Annette Baker asked if the gentlemen by the boat dock has a building permit for the building he put up.

Code Enforcement: Chuck stated they had a meeting with a new chairman, training is March 24th.

Revitalization: Bonnie Ciresi stated they are planning for Chautauqua on June 18th.

4. **COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Joseph Frost stated he made contact with State Representative Russell Webber, he will be at the May 9th meeting.
Joseph Frost stated he talked to John Stith from Hardin Co. Board to use the gym. They agreed to let him use it twice a month for \$50.00 and provide a Certificate of Liability. Joseph requested to use the money out of recreation to pay the rent and supplies. Joseph Frost asked if we hire a grant writer and do you add the salary into the grant?
Joseph Frost asked if he could look at the deed and the contract from the Holloway property. Mayor Ash stated there is no contract but there are three deeds.
Joseph Frost asked how much do we owe on the KLC loan? \$180,000.00. How much do we owe West Point Bank? 126,000.00.
Joseph asked if we could use the Covid Relief Fund to pay the loans off? The Covid Relief money can only be used on specific things.
Joseph Frost asked if he got the school for recreation can he use the city recreation money for the expense. Roszelle Moore stated Daniel London wanted to do more for West Point, so a letter needs to be sent so they can put it in for next year's budget.
Annette Baker asked need to let people put memorials in Veteran's Park, what do we need to do to stop it?
Annette Baker asked have we been approved for the rip rap, Mayor Ash stated we have been approved for the design phase for the plan.
Annette Baker asked about the boat dock? Richard Ciresi stated he has applied for the grant but it may be April for the answer. The fields are over grown. Could the fire dept burn it off to look better?
Annette Baker asked if Curtis looked at the drains yet? Mayor Ash stated he took the pictures and was supposed to work on them. Annette stated the drains haven't been touched yet.
Fran Moore stated the Easter Egg Hunt has changed to April 9, 2022 with a rain date of April 16, 2022
Richard Ciresi stated presented Municipal Order 2022-01 to Establish A Park Committee. Joseph Frost made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2022-01. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Mayor Ash asked if he would change the order to have a minimum of 5 members. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce, Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Motion passed.
Richard Ciresi stated Hardin Co Water has all the paperwork.
Richard Ciresi stated Hardin Co School Board is still waiting on a decision from the windmill company, hopefully after their next board meeting.
Richard Ciresi stated he attend the Hardin Co Chamber of Commerce Leadership group.
Richard Ciresi asked if the vehicles been sold yet? Mayor Ash stated no. He stated he knows someone that buys vehicles.
Richard Ciresi asked what's the progress on the flag pole?
Richard Ciresi


5. **CITIZENS CONCERNS**

Roszelle Moore state she Respectfully request that the chicken ordinance be resend. It is not being followed.
Annette Baker stated that was part of the Code Enforcement.
Theresa Walker stated she heard they wanted to raise the park rent. She stated they rented it last 4th of July, and the city was not going to rent it on the holidays anymore and rental for only four hours. Request to take the fee back to what it used to be. Joseph Frost stated the park rental was the same as before for residents. Richard Ciresi stated the park committee looked at it as a possible venue.

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. Motion passed. 9:30


William C. Ash, Mayor


Sandra Gaye Moore, City Clerk/Treasurer