

**City of West Point  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 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, AsstCity Clerk Dwayne Culver, City Attorney Jennifer Hall and Council members: Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke.

Mayor Ash requested a moment of silence to remember Jeff Wright and Mrs. McCrery.

**1. MINUTES**

Richard Ciresi made a motion to approve the minutes from Aug 8, 2022. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke, all voted yes.

Richard Ciresi made a motion to approve the minutes from August 30, 2022. Annette Baker seconded the motion. Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce, Richard Ciresi and Kevin Duke, all voted yes.

**2. Old Business:**

Verizon Tower Update – Have not heard back from representative regarding request for change of location.

Water Tank Project – Council was advised on the current status of the project.

**3. New Business**

Council requested that we surplus the Gruman fire truck and place a reserve of \$2500.00, Richard recommended that we barter with Jay Hoffman and offer the fire truck as partial payment for the Water Tower Project. Fran Moore advised that Ekron Fire Department has a truck they are selling, it was stated that we did not have interest due to its age.

Voting will take place at the school this year, the mayor to contact Ms. Donnally regarding the dates for the voting machines to arrive.

Mayor advised the council about an offer of \$17,000 for one acre of property near Beverly's Mobile Home Park and Dixie Hwy. Richard Ciresi advised the council to reject this offer since they had already turned down an offer of \$25,000, council agreed.

During the July 11 meeting the mayor stated that he was merely advising about the KRS requirements and did not intend to accuse Mr. Ciresi of any criminal activity. He further stated that he did not wish to file any court papers as long as we become compliant with the requirements. The mayor, Richard Ciresi, Jo Annette Sabol and the code enforcement officer to meet at later date to discuss resolution.

**4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

FIRE - Chief Eddie Curl advised that he has applied for a grant for a "Thermal Imaging Camera", he also advised that Chris Lueken is working on a fire truck grant, but the grant will not be looked at until November and awarded sometime in Spring of 2023.

WATER/SEWER – Joe Short advised that the chlorination system has been rebuilt and is now functioning properly. Discussed the need for a grinder for the lift stations due to the excess material coming through the sewer system, Ron Luce asked for pricing for new grinders or attachment to retro fit our existing pumps, he also asked to earmark the \$15,000.00 from the sale of the surplus police cruiser to be used to repair or replace the backhoe so we can put the flags up safer, it was discussed to have the city rent a man lift to put the flags up until we have a safer system than using ladders.

POLICE – Mayor advised that the Hardin County Sherriff's office has begun patrolling the city. Richard Ciresi asked about the billing and why we have not paid for this service yet, mayor stated that he is working with the Sherriff's office about the payment arrangements.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS - No report

PLANNING AND ZONING - Requested that the city council get involved with the Hoover pole barn issue. The council voted unanimously to issue a "Conditional Use Permit" and revisit in 12 months to check on progress of Mr. Hoover building a house on the property with the pole barn. Discussion regarding the old Rhonda's Café and the Theater property being converted into apartments, mayor to contact owner to discuss planned use of property with "Planning and Zoning with the cities building inspector to address the permit process necessary and discuss at the next meeting. There will be a comprehensive plan meeting on Tuesday August 27 at 7:00pm.

FORT DUFFIELD – Annette Baker requested that asphalt repairs be made on the road leading to the fort. Reminded about the sign and asked about reimbursement from the sale of a lawn mower.

REVITALIZATION - Doing fund raising at River Days to support the grant matching funds portion of future grants.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Discussion about General Fund owing approximately \$82000.00 to Road Aid Fund, Water / Sewer owing approximately \$222,000.00 to General Fund. Financials for July and August tabled until the September meeting in order to give council time to examine.

5. **GREEN DOT PRESENTATION**

Hardin County School requested that the city allow them to promote positivity through the city by allowing messages of positivity to be painted on the city side walks. Students from Hardin County schools will provide the materials and labor to promote this program. Richard recommended that they limit their displays to no more than 3 per city block. Motion made by Joseph Frost, to allow Richards's recommendation. Seconded by Fran Moore. The council voted unanimously to allow this program to proceed.

6. **COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Joseph Frost – Asked about the Hardin County Water proposal, mayor advised that we are still about 60 days from them making a decision. Bleachers from school being used at River Days will be moved to the baseball field after River Days, Joseph offered to assist with this project if necessary. He asked about the process for renting the school gym and Richard Ciresi stated that the gym rental is set at \$65.00 per hour but may be less for city functions, as long as we can cover expenses.

Annette Baker - Is seeking volunteers for the Ohio River Way committee. Joseph asked about why West Point is not part of the Ohio River Way and Richard explained that we have not joined but he will try and get an invoice from them so we can be included in their program.

Fran Moore – She advised that the River Days parade will stage at the school at 12:00 and start at 1:00pm.

Ron Luce – Advised that the colors for the caboose will now be blue trimmed in white and the city logo will be displayed.

Richard Ciresi – Final inspections on the road project by FEMA is complete and we should be getting \$11,000 shortly. Fish and Wildlife has asked that the closed sign at the boat dock be replaced with signage stating “use at your own risk”. He presented the council with a brokerage proposal for the property on Dixie Hwy and the Brick Yard properties, council requested that the brokerage company attend the September meeting to discuss. Proposed a “municipal order” to remove the one-way designation for Geoghegan Street at the school be changed to two-way traffic pattern, Motion made by Kevin Duke seconded by Ron Luce, passed unanimously. River council to make a recommendation on the blockage at the Salt River CSX bridge. Discussed hazard mitigation grants for 6<sup>th</sup> street and other areas of the city to create green space. Richard and Joseph to remove the damaged sign at Main Street and Dixie Hwy. Pavilion roof completed but came in over budget ask Annette to develop a landscape plan for the gazabo. Reconnection Grant available to connect both sides of the city across Dixie Highway, plan drawing grant is \$300,000.00 with the current city match at 25% but no cost to explore grant, council elected to allow Richard to proceed with inquiry. Telephone system for school on hold waiting on Spectrum. Updated fire house door project. Polaris update, fire chief advised to leave in current storage facility. Flag Pole, mayor to grant access during River Days for Richard to see new pole.

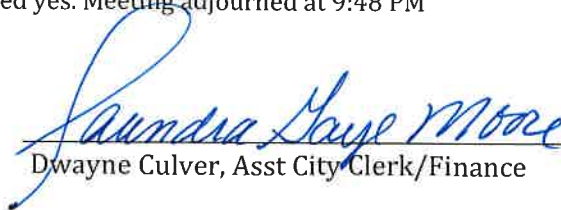
Kevin Duke – Advised of sewer smell, city will check out issue.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Fran Moore made a motion to adjourn Richard Ciresi seconded the motion. Kevin Duke, Joseph Frost, Annette Baker, Fran Moore, Ron Luce and Richard Ciresi all voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM



William C. Ash, Mayor



Dwayne Culver, Asst City Clerk/Finance