

City of West Point Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023

7:00 p.m.

The City of West Point held a regular scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023 at the West Point Independent School Building, 209 N. 13th Street, West Point, Kentucky.

Call to Order:

Mayor Ciresi Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Ciresi led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayer:

Annette Baker led in prayer.

Roll Call:

Presiding Officer: Richard Ciresi, Mayor

Council Members: Annette Baker

Amy Bickel

Kevin Duke

Eric Duvall

Jo Sabol

Clerk/Treasurer

Deena Thomas

Agenda Items:

Approval of March 13, 2023 meeting minutes

Annette Baker made motion to approve March 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Amy Bickel, with corrections to the address made, and carried unanimously.

Approval of financial report period ending March 31, 2023

Jo Sabol made motion to approve the financial report period ending March 31, 2023. Seconded by Annette Baker; carried unanimously.

Recognition:

Hardin County Clerk, Brian Smith, was present. Mr. Smith discussed promoting voter turnout during the primary election. Citizens can go to Colvin Community Center in Radcliff, Kentucky for early voting May 11th-13th from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Mr. Smith provided Deena Thomas with 2023 Primary Election guidance to pass out/post at city hall.

Action to Consider:

Approval of HCW Proposal

Final Water System and Wastewater System Acquisition Agreement was given to council members to review. Mayor updated the council on the transfer of water and sewer to Hardin County. They will meet with them on 4/25/2023 to execute the agreement and do not see any issues with

Approval of Pirtle Realty Proposal

Final Pirtle Realty Proposal was given to council members to review. Concerns expressed by Jo Sabol were: how will renters access the building and is the city required to have additional insurance? Mayor stated doors will have key pads and additional insurance is not required. Annette Baker asked if Hardin County School district will be promoting the building. Mayor will be meeting with Hardin County School District this week to discuss the use of the building.

Review AT&T Proposal

Mayor updated the council on the AT&T proposal; lease is up in 2025. AT&T offered \$500,000 for 55-year lease. Mayor suggests maintenance should also be considered in addition to the offered amount. T-Mobile contract is open and will need to re-negotiate and add maintenance.

Codification Ordinance 2023-02, first reading

First reading of Codification Ordinance 2023-02 was read by Deena Thomas. Mayor explained this will give the City of West Point a clean and clear start regarding ordinances from here on out. Second reading to be held at next regular council meeting.

Mayor's Report:

1. I have been and will continue to work with Chief Cross in Hardin County to assist in patrols. The holdup is their radios won't work in the city. We will continue to find a solution to the policing issues within the city.
2. Evidence Technicians have been working in City Hall and will return this week. They are paid hourly and their money will come out of the Police Department.
3. The City of West Point received a grant in the amount of \$77,087 from the clean water fund from the state. Hardin County will receive this money as a part of the acquisition agreement.
4. An IRS agent visited City Hall last week. There was confusion on payroll reporting. Issues have been cleared up and he is going to try to assist us with a reduction in penalties.
5. The traffic light was out for almost 2 days. We now have a key to access the box to reset the light when it malfunctions.
6. The city now has a new credit card. Wanting to order two vinyl signs and requested West Point Bank to donate money to assist in the cost.
7. Chris McVey successfully billed two (non-resident) fire runs; totaling \$1,700.00. Should receive the money within 30 days and will be used for the Fire Department.
8. This month we learned the Marathon Station is over two years behind in filing reports and payments to the city. We are working together to get them caught up.
9. I want to create a petition to put a WET vote on November's ballot and will need approximately 100 signatures.
10. Donna McCreary and I met with Alex Van Pelt on March 16th to get access into CRS. He will be sending us requested information.
11. We have started the process to solicit insurance quotes.
12. Letters have been sent out to auditors and four have declined. We will continue to send out more letters.
13. Preliminary budget preparations have begun. Please let me know if you have budget suggestions or specific items you want to see in the budget.

14. I have been working with Hardin County EMS to get our siren working and on the Hardin County system.
15. Attended the Hardin County Comprehensive Plan meeting to be certain West Point is included in the plan.
16. iWorQ software training started last week for Code Enforcement. The software is mostly set up and will attend training again this week.
17. The old phone system is now paid off. We do not use this phone system so we have to either by equipment or send it back.
18. I have been working with the state to get a divider on Dixie Hwy due to safety reasons.
19. Abundance of Life Church will be hosting a summer program for school aged children. The set days are Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-12pm. This is a free event.
20. Amy and I have entered a city cook off in Radcliff on June 1st

Committee Reports:

Ft. Duffield-The 8th Annual Dinner and Auction held on Saturday, April 1st, was a huge success and brought in \$6,000.00. Big thanks to all the auction participants, especially Gina and Fran. Park Day is April 22nd.

Planning & Zoning- Planning and zoning had applications for a shed and two fences. One fence and shed were approved. The fence that was denied has to use a different material.

Board of Adjustments- Passed a conditional use permit for a cemetery at River of Life Church.

Fire Department- Needs money in the budget. Fire Commission money in the amount of \$10,500 was filed for and should receive soon. This money is allocated to assist in paying off a bank note which is roughly \$99,000.

River Days- Jessica inquired if the city was going to donate this year and they are still looking for sponsors. Eric Duval made a motion to donate \$1,000 to River Days that will come out of the next FY budget. Seconded by Annette Baker; carried unanimously.

Council Concerns:

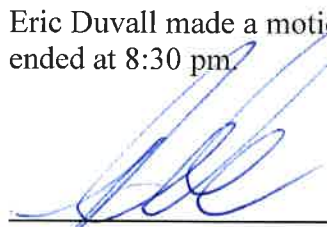
- Annette Baker- Looking for volunteers to water the flowers in the pots by the caboose.
- Amy Bickel- Advised on the progress of City Wide Yard Sale and Clean Up; her and Jo Sabol are working together on this. Currently there are 3 food trucks, 2 dumpsters, e-scrap trailer, and a few citizens that have registered for a yard sale. Wanting to make it a fun event by making a map of the yard sales, utilizing a punch card, incentives/giveaways, and offer a variety of food.
- Kevin Duke- Concerns that police are still not available.
- Eric Duvall- Inquired if money was the issue as to why the water wasn't fixed at the caboose. Mayor stated they are currently working on locating the lines to fix the water issue.
- Jo Sabol- Working on promoting City Wide Yard Sale and Clean UP. Has been vendor fairs and passing along information so they consider coming to this event.


Citizen Concerns:

- Billy asked if the city could utilize the radio parts in the pole barn to see if they will work with Hardin County's radios to police West Point. Discussed and made suggestions on mapping the sewer lines. Inquired where citizens went in the old school building in bad area; response by mayor was in the halls of the building.
- Jessica requested the city finish painting the pole on the caboose. Inquired when the School Building Committee meets and when the next meeting is. Next meeting is set for April 26, 2023 at 7 pm. Annette also wants to join this committee.
- Roszelle stated while walking to the meeting, she noticed a bunch of debris in ditch lines. Mayor will get a hold of Josh to see if inmates can come clean them out.

Motion to Adjourn:

Eric Duvall made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kevin Duke; carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 8:30 pm.



Richard Ciresi, Mayor

Deena Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer