

City of West Point City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

A regular scheduled City of West Point City Council meeting was held Monday, February 13, 2023 at the West Point Independent School, 203 N. 13<sup>th</sup> 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 gave the invocation.

**Roll Call:**

Presiding Officer:	Richard Ciresi, Mayor
Council Members:	Jo Sabol
	Chris McVey
	Eric Duvall
	Kevin Duke
	Amy Bickel
	Annette Baker
LTADD Staff:	Toni Burton

**Approval of the January 9, 2023 meeting minutes:**

Chris McVey made the motion to approve the January 9, 2023 meeting minutes with corrections made. Second by Eric Duvall. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the February 2, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes:**

Jo Sabol made the motion to approve the February 2, 2023 Special Called meeting minutes with the corrections made. Second by Eric Duvall. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Financial Report ending December 31, 2022:**

Annette Baker approved the December 2022 financial statements. Second Kevin Duke. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Financial Report ending January 31, 2023:**

Eric asked if the funds from the sale of truck and auction went back into the police department budget. Mayor Ciresi, replied, “no”. The F250 truck was paid out of general fund and the items from the auction were divided between the accounts in which the items were purchased from. Annette Baker made the motion to approve the Financial Report ending January 31, 2023. Second by Eric Duvall. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Ciresi reported on the following topics:

- Mayor Ciresi shared the city needs to pass a resolution for a KIA grant. Jo Sabol made the motion to approve the resolution. Second by Amy Bickel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Ciresi re-nominated Deena Thomas for city clerk. Eric Duvall made the motion to approve the nomination. Second by Annette Baker. Mayor Ciresi requested a roll call vote.

Jo Sabol	no
Chris McVey	yes
Eric Duval	yes
Kevin Duke	yes
Amy Bickel	yes
Annette Baker	yes

In a 5 to 1 vote, motion carried.

- Mayor Ciresi shared that Hardin County Water District #1 had a rate increase of 42% in January. The city’s water bill used to be around \$2200 dollars; it’s now over \$4000 dollars. Mayor Ciresi asked the council to raise customer rates to help cover the cost. After much discussion, Annette Baker made the motion to table the topics until the next or special council meeting when additional information could be presented. Second by Kevin Duke. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Ciresi asked the council to approve the following individuals to boards:
  - Reappointment of Bill Hartley and Roszella Moore to the Board of Adjustments
  - Reappointment of Roszella Moore and Lisa Mullin to Planning and Zoning
  - Shawn Hendley, Terri Phillips, Chuck McCreary, Carol Frost, and Matt Hartley to the Code Enforcement Board.

Eric Duval made the motion to approve the appointments. Second by Annette Baker. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

- Annual Business License letters did not go out in December. Hoping to have them out by next week.
- The city has received one new application for police officer.
- Mayor Ciresi is meeting with the Mayor of Radcliff and their police chief on Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

- Mayor Ciresi asked for the council's approval to allow a realtor to list the 58 acres on the highway. There are 2 developers interested in looking at it. Jo Sabol made the motion to allow the property to be listed. Second by Amy Bickel. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The IWorQ software for Code Enforcement should be up and going in March.
  - The city has received a new lease agreement from T-Mobile for the cell phone tower. Currently they pay the city \$1457.50 monthly. The new lease will go up to \$1650 monthly with a 12% increase every 5 years. Eric Duval made the motion to approve the new lease. Second by Chris McVey. Motion carried unanimously.
  - A new security system needs to be installed at city hall. Mayor Ciresi said he is just planning to purchase security cameras to put on the outside of the building.
  - The city has responded to the Division of Water for the Notices of Violations (NOV's). They are working to become compliant.
  - The new website is up for review.
  - Council members have received new e-mail addresses.
  - Mayor Ciresi has a meeting with Division of Water on March 16, 2023 to discuss the city's Community Rating System. This has to do with flood insurance.
  - West Point senior citizens are meeting at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 to walk and exercise. Hannah Duval asked if the seniors have to pay to use the facility. Mayor Ciresi, replied, "no."
  - The city was donated six pieces of exercise equipment.
  - Everything is in to install new flag pole.
  - The city is getting two new coke machines. One will go in at city hall and the other at the school building. All proceeds will go to parks and recreation.
  - The Polaris vehicle has been found. It had 4 flat tires, broken door, and the battery was dead.
  - Mayor Ciresi requested the approval to sell 1 of the backhoes. After much discussion, Mayor Ciresi agreed to gather information on their value.
  - A \$900,000 dollar grant has been submitted for the fire department to purchase a new fire truck.
- Papers have been submitted for a \$50,000 dollar grant to study the River Bank.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Annette Baker shared there is a meeting Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to discuss Fort Duffield's 5-year plan.

William Hartley informed the council the property where the old apartment complex is, is zoned incorrectly. Mr. Hartley went on to share parking issues with the apartment complex that has renovations being done. Lastly, Mr. Hartley asked the council to approve 3 properties between Salt River and Ft. Duffield to be rezoned from R1 to Agricultural. Amy Bickel made the motion to approve the rezoning. Second by Eric Duval. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Young shared the Board of Adjustments will be having a Special Called meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023.

Fire Chief, Eddie Curl shared the fire department has submitted paperwork for a grant to purchase a new fire truck. Chief Curl went on to say the grant people are backed up and it could take up to a year before they hear anything.

**Council Member Concerns:**

Annette Baker asked Mayor Ciresi if the city would be putting gravel out to fill some of the pot holes. Mayor Ciresi, said, "The city has already started putting our gravel".

Amy Bickel shared she set in a grant writing webinar last week. Amy went on to share she is pursuing 3 more grants. Walk Ability, Connectivity, and Community Health. They all are due by March 15, 2023.

Kevin Duke asked Mayor Ciresi what come of the fire departments credit cards. Mayor Ciresi shared new cards have been ordered.

Eric Duval shared National Education Statistics. On a national level over 2000 schools close each year. Only 7 of the 2000 facilities ever re-open. Eric shared we need everybody's input on what to do with the school building. Mayor Ciresi suggested there be a committee of two kids, two council members, and two senior citizens to meet and come up with ideas. Jo Sabol and Amy Bickel volunteered to set on the committee.

Chris McVey asked if Hardin County Animal Control patrols in West Point. Mayor Ciresi, replied, "no". Chris asked, "Why not? We are tax payers too. There is a problem with stray cats and dogs. He voiced his concern of somebody getting bit". Mayor Ciresi, said, "He will be attending the fiscal court meeting and will talk with the judge about it".

Jo Sabol asked, Mayor Ciresi if he would start sending out a weekly email informing the council of things that went on that week. Mayor Ciresi replied, "He would if he could remember to." Jo went on to ask who is bonded? Mayor Ciresi said he is, his wife Bonnie, and Roszelle Moore are. That he plans to start the paperwork tomorrow for the new city clerk. Jo asked how much the insurance cost to insure the school building. Mayor Ciresi, shared the city does not pay for the insurance, Hardin County does. Lastly, Jo shared that in the January meeting she volunteered to set on the finance committee, and nobody has contacted her. Mayor Ciresi, shared the finance committee has not been formed yet. That he is planning to create it by ordinance.

**Citizens Concerns:**

Roszella Moore shared that the city's codification of ordinances has been completed. Soon there will be a link on the city's new website to view the ordinances. Roszella also shared a quote from American Legal Publishing to continue the city's codification process in the future.

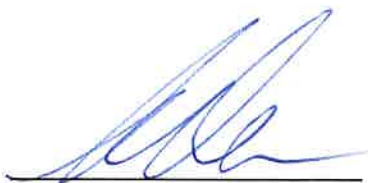
Hannah Duvall asked if one of the senior citizens gets hurt while walking at the school building, who gets sued? The city or Hardin County?

Fran Moore shared information on the auction for Fort Duffield. The auction will be April 1<sup>st</sup>. Dinner is at 4pm and the auction begins at 6pm.

Scott Young asked if a date and time could be scheduled for the committee over the future use of the school building. Mayor Ciresi, said Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

**Adjourn:**

Jo Sabol made the motion to adjourn. Second by Annette Baker. Motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Ciresi', written over a horizontal line.

Richard Ciresi, Mayor