

City of West Point City Council Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.

A regular scheduled City of West Point City Council meeting was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at the West Point Independent School, 203 N. 13th Street, West Point, Kentucky.

Call to Order:

Mayor Ciresi called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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: Annette Baker

Amy Bickel

Kevin Duke

Eric Duvall

Chris McVey

Jo Sabol

LTADD Staff: Toni Burton

City Attorney:

Mayor Ciresi introduced Mark Edison as the new city attorney. Mayor Ciresi said, "Mr. Edison came highly recommended from Pike Law Office.

Approval of December 12, 2022 meeting minutes:

Council member Kevin Duke said that his name needs to be added to those present for the meeting. Kevin Duke made the motion to approve with the mentioned corrections. Second by Annette Baker. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the January 4, 2023 meeting minutes:

Council member Jo Sabol shared a correction to the minutes. Under prayer it should be Annette Baker instead of Annette Bickel.

Eric Duvall asked to add the language of not being able to utilize city credit card anywhere fee's charged for using it.

Jo Sabol made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Second by Chris McVey. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Financial Report Ending December 31, 2022:

A financial report was provided in the council packet. Mayor Ciresi shared the financial is not complete. Some funds still needed to be reallocated. Eric Duvall made the motion to table the finances until next meeting. Second by Chris McVey. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Training Confirmation:

Amy Bickel will be attending the KLC COA training in Bowling Green.

Chris McVey and Jo Sabol will be attending the KLC COA training in Lexington.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ciresi reported on the following topics:

- Water bills have been mailed out.
- Hardin County Water #1 has been notified to proceed with the sale of water and waste water utilities. Hosting 2 Public Information Sessions on Thursday January 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm and Saturday January 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm.
- There are 3 candidates for police chief.
- He has received 1 application for city clerk
- Finishing up bond paperwork for those who have to be bonded.
- Finally got all the bank items fixed and can start writing checks.
- New website is under construction. The state is doing it at no cost to the city.
- Chris McVey contacted LG&E and Mayor Ciresi contacted 811 to have the new flag pole installed. Finally got all the keys from previous administration and will have new flag put on pole.

Mayor Ciresi said he did a walk-through of the water plant with Hardin County Water #1. They suggested to surplus the equipment only.

Annette Baker made the motion to approve the surplus sale of items from the water plant. Second by Kevin Duke. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Fire Department:

Fire Chief, Eddie Curl shared the fire department received their ISO rating back. In 2015 they were a class 3 and 3x in the county. They are now a class 5. Some of the things the Fire Department can fix other items they are not sure how to handle. Fire Chief Curl, went on to share that the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) dictates to ISO on how to grade the surveys for the fire departments. For example, a structure fire can be anything from valance, smoke in house. It does not necessarily mean the actual building is on fire. The NFA says when fire departments respond to structure fires, they must have 2 trucks and 4 people on each truck. The other thing is they have not increased the number of hours firefighters must have each year.

Chief Curl shared they returned Radcliff's engine truck back to them. The day they returned the truck the Squirt went down. Butch Curl used own time and resources to get the truck fixed.

Ft. Duffield

No one was present to report from Ft. Duffield.

Planning and Zoning:

Roszella Moore shared there will be a public hearing on January 30, 2023 at 7:00 pm. On rezoning some property on Salt River Drive.

Tom Masterson will be asking permission to tear down the house on his property at 305 Elm St. He is planning to build a new house.

Board of Adjustments:

Cindy Young reported the next meeting for the Board of Adjustments is the first Monday in March. Cindy went on to say they have a vacant seat on the board.

Council Concerns:

Council Member Annette Baker reported on the following topics:

- Looking for volunteers to serve on the Kids Committee
- Need volunteers to serve on Ohio Way. Council Members Kevin Duke and Amy Bickel volunteered.
- Need new coke machines for city hall and the school. Mayor Ciresi suggested the funds be allocated to parks. Annette baker made the motion to approve the funds be allocated to parks. Second by Amy Bickel. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Amy Bickel reported on the following topics:

- Been researching grants; AARP has a grant opening for Vibrancy of City. She is going to apply for the grant.
- Reached out to an organization, and shared information about the school building be used as a resource center. They have agreed to come set up at no cost to the city. Will work out the dates with them.

- Had a 10' tree and decorations donated to the city. Amy will make the arrangements to pick it up.

Kevin Duke reported on the following topics:

Kevin asked who all is being bonded. Mayor Ciresi said, "Bonnie Ciresi, Rosezella Moore, and himself". Mayor Ciresi also shared the bonds are being done through KLC.

Eric Duvall reported on the following topics:

Council member Eric Duvall asked who is paying the utility bills for the school building. Mayor Ciresi shared the city has a contract with Hardin County School. The terms of the contract is on a sliding scale. Currently Hardin County School pays the base utilities; anything over that the city is responsible for. Each year after that the amount drops until the contract expires. The contract was signed on June 1, 2022.

Mayor Ciresi went on to share there is 4 donors who have donated \$40,000 dollars to help pay, if needed.

Eric asked Mayor Ciresi to email him a copy of the contract. Mayor Ciresi agreed.

Chris McVey:

Council member Chris McVey had nothing to report on.

Jo Sabol reported on the following topics:

Council member Jo Sabol shared she called Hardin County Water District #1 and that there will be 3.22% credit card fee for anybody who pays with a credit card. Plus a \$1.25 convenience fee for anybody who pays over the phone. Mayor Ciresi, replied that the city will pay the bill online.

Jo went on to share she contact KLC and under KRS 83A.130(7) a citizen cannot sign checks on behalf of the city. It has to be an employee of the city. Mayor Ciresi, said he will start the paperwork tomorrow to hire Roszella Moore as an employee for the city.

Citizens Concerns:

Lena McVey asked Annette Baker what the Kids Committee entails. Annette said, "She is looking for volunteers who can come up with activities for the kids and to bring those activities to realization. For individuals who would help chaperone when needed, teach life skills, anything.

Michelle Trainer shared her concerns how costly everything is for kids to do. She felt \$85.00 dollars was excessive to rent the gym. Mayor Ciresi said, " It's \$35.00 dollars for resident inside of West Point and \$65.00 dollars for those outside of West Point". Michelle said that is not what was posted on your Facebook page.

Michelle asked if there still a finance committee. Mayor Ciresi, replied "Yes, and his wife is the chair of the committee". Michelle asked if that is nepotism? Since he was the mayor and his wife is handling the city's finances. Mayor Ciresi said, "Not that he knows of. But his wife will continue to be the chair for she is the only person qualified to do it. I am looking for a city clerk

who has some sort of finance/accounting background". Council member Jo Sabol asked if a council member can serve on the committee? Mayor Ciresi, replied, "No". Ellen Ciresi said, "Council members are allowed to serve on the Finance Committee. Annette Baker is on it". Jo Sabol replied, she would like to be added to on.

David Wayne Ferguson introduced himself as independent candidate for Kentucky Governor.

Chris Yates introduced himself as the magistrate for the City of West Point. His contact information is cell phone number is (270) 317-3996 or cyates@hardincountyky.gov

Mr. Ash asked the council's approval to retire Butch Curl's Badge Number 104. Chris McVey made the motion to retire Butch Curl's badge number. Second by Eric Duvall. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

Jo Sabol made the motion to adjourn. Second by Eric Duvall. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting minutes approve on February 13 2023



Richard Ciresi, Mayor