

## City of West Point Council Meeting Minutes

7-10-2023

7:00 p.m.

A regularly scheduled City of West Point Council Meeting was held Monday, July 10, 2023, at the West Point Independent School Building, 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 led in prayer.

### **Roll Call:**

Presiding Officer:	Richard Ciresi, Mayor
Council Members:	Annette Baker
	Amy Bickel
	Eric Duvall
	Chris McVey
	Kevin Duke
	Absent: Jo Sabol
Recording Clerk	Roszelle Moore

### **Approval of 6-12-2023 meeting minutes:**

Amy Bickel made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023, meeting minutes, with corrections made. Seconded by Eric Duvall and carried unanimously.

### **Approval of the 6-27-2023 Special meeting minutes concerning purchase of Fire Truck**

Chris McVey moved to approve the June 27, 2023, Special meeting minutes with correction. Seconded by Eric Duvall and carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Financial report for period ending 6-30-2023.**

No motion made. Subject to revisions.

### **Budget Review: second reading of ordinance 2023-03.**

Amy Bickel read ordinance 2023-03. Annette Baker moved to approve ordinance 2023-03 for budget 2023-2024. Additions discussed were the purchase of the fire truck, water and sewer project moved to September 28<sup>th</sup> due to more information needed by Public Service Commission, storm water moved back to water and sewer, \$1,000 paid to River Days Festival, Kentucky League of Cities now is the city insurer and annual costs have been reduced from \$35,000 to \$18,000, there will be \$53.00 a month for iPad for Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Amy Bickel and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

### **First Reading of Alcohol Board Commission ordinance 2023-04**

Amy Bickel read the first reading of ABC ordinance 2023-04. She read the changes only from Ordinance No 2017-01. This ordinance will be rescinded at the next regular meeting.

### **Mayor's report:**

1. The previous clerk resigned after three days. No viable applicants currently.
2. The fire truck will be arriving at 7-11. The title has been received.
3. We have a meeting with Fish and Wildlife about the Salt River dock project. this Thursday 07/14/23 with the engineers for a final agreement and cost estimates. It is anticipated that the project will begin in September or October.
4. The W/S budget has been rolled over from the previous FY for the three months expected.
5. Received estimates from Scotty Paving: Ft. Duffield Road repairing and repaving with a cost of \$66,000. There will be four culverts and the ditch will be cleared. Salt River Road repaving is estimated at \$66,000. Salt River parking lot paving estimate is a \$140,000.
6. Met with Forrest Clevenger of Ohio River Way, and they have offered the resources to obtain the needed conservation easements for the trails at no cost to the city.
7. We have granted LG&E an easement to install a rapid Electric Vehicle charging station at the caboose. We are seeking a grant for the \$65,000 funding source.
8. Code Enforcement Officer has sent 15 Notice of Violations.

9. We have been notified by Fort Knox that a Digital Air Ground Integration Range will begin operation in August of 2024. This range will bring additional training and therefore an additional noise level to our area.
10. There have been multiple meetings with developers interested in marketing properties this past month.
11. In a meeting with David Hobbs, President of River City bank there was discussed additional developers, investors and financing for West Point projects.
12. Your mayor was NOT successful in winning the Watermelon eating contest sponsored by Quicksie in Elizabethtown.
13. Donna McCreary has completed the necessary training to move us closer to getting into the Community Rating system program.
14. Attached is a flyer for a Boulder (stone) sign at the entrances to our city. Consider two to represent West Point. If all are in agreement, we will pursue a design and funding.
15. The former city clerk's parole officer has been contacted to set up a payment plan for the remainder of the restitution imposed by the court of \$25,000.
16. Kids Blast sponsored by the Abundance of Life Church of Radcliff has been a big success. An average of 30 children attended. They will be having a wrap-up party in August in Veterans Park.
17. The property owned by the English Heirs is still being pursued. There does not appear to be a deed and there are significant taxes due. We are trying to resolve these issues and take title to the property at no or little cost to the city. The city has been maintaining this property for years.
18. A total of 53 ATV stickers have been purchased. It is still time to purchase yours.
19. Flagpole update. Started the project and then it rained. Hope to get back to it in two weeks depending on the weather and availability.
20. We will be attending the Fort Knox Victory Ball to represent West Point.
21. No action on transferring the school building.
22. No action on Feeding America project.
23. There is a title search for property on Southview off S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a mortgage of \$25,000.
24. The first paranormal tour was in June and was a success. The \$200 went to Ft. Duffield.
25. No action on the realty company for the school building. Amy is going to put a call into them.
26. The Hardin County Sheriff's Office will be paid monthly by a submitted invoice.

27. The Alert system has been activated and 65 people have signed up for it. After the year's contract is up, everyone will be switched over to Hardin County's alert system which will provide better service at no cost to the city.
28. The city will have a booth at the Hardin County Fair, and I have been invited to represent the city in the "Celebrity Hamburger cook off" on Saturday.

### **Committee Reports**

**Fort Duffield:** KYMBA came to help with the weed eating. Mr. Pack has also been doing some maintenance.

**Planning and Zoning:** there was no meeting due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the next meeting will be August 1.

**Board of Adjustment:** Approved two Conditional Permits. Next meeting will be August 7.

**Fire Department:** Fire truck is being shipped at a cost of \$3,260. It was purchased at \$100,000, a 2004 model, 15,067 miles, 1500-gal tank.

#### **Surplus police car.**

Eric Duvall moved to surplus police car and use the proceeds to revamp the other police car to be used for the fire chief's first responder car. Seconded by Amy Bickel and unanimously carried.

### **Council Concerns:**

1. Chris McVey had a request from Jo Sabol to install a memorial bench near the playground. Kevin Duke moved to approve the installation. Seconded by Eric Duvall and unanimously approved.
2. Chris McVey asked about a report from the Sheriff's Office. The report will be sent on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. A keypad has been installed for the back door for their use. Chris also suggested that there might be off duty officers that would fill in using their own police vehicles.
3. Eric Duvall concerned that there was no signage for the sale of the property. The developers are working on that and including a map and use of drones at no cost to the city.  
He also mentioned the possibility of a charter school.
4. Kevin Duke asked about the lettering of the fire truck and the cost. The fire chief said that as soon as it is inspected, they will work on the lettering.
5. Amy Bickel informed there is an opening for a person on the community building committee. Next Rockin' on the River band will be country. David Wicks is wanting to put the Voyager canoe in at the Greenwood boat ramp.

- He needs people to paddle. Annette said she would participate. The American Legion is sponsoring a kid's day on July 23 in Veterans Park.
6. Annette Baker asked about the container that is on the lot with the fireworks tent. Mayor said that it will be sent a notice of violation as the tent leaves. She also suggested that the money box be removed from the Salt River dock. Mayor said that since Sheriff deputies have been patrolling it has not been robbed. She brought up spraying mosquitos. Mayor advised that the Department of Agriculture is responsible for spraying but is overwhelmed at this time. Suggested the city purchase some mosquito tablets and deposit them in standing water.

**Citizens' Concerns:**

Connie McCreary asked about deputies on duty in town. Six rotate various shifts.

Lena McVey of the Fire Department Auxiliary asked if the 5K run they are planning during River Days is covered under the insurance.


Fred Staley complained that the field behind his property needs to be mowed. Mayor suggested he file a complaint for the code enforcement.

Scott Young suggested the Fire Department put the flags out. Mayor said he was working on that. Wesley Cook had constructed an instrument that could be used from the ground. Mayor asked Fred Staley if he would check the flags at the pole barn to see if any needed replacing.

Roszelle Moore is concerned that the refrigerators and freezer at Jeff Wright's home are still sitting out unattended. Will check on that.

**Adjourn:**

Kevin Duke moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Amy Bickel and unanimously carried.

  
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Richard A. Ciresi  
Mayor

  
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Roszelle Moore  
Recording Clerk