

City of West Point Council Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023

7:00 p.m.

The City of West Point held a regular scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, March 13, 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

Eric Duvall

Chris McVey

Secretary

Roszelle Moore

Recognition:

Hardin County Magistrate Chis Yates present.

After the storm calls were received from Chris Yates and Judge Executive Keith Taul offering assistance to our city.

Agenda Items:

Approval of February 13, 2023 meeting minutes:

Annette Baker made motion to approve the February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, with corrections made. Seconded by Chris McVey and carried unanimously.

Approval of the February 28, 2023 Special meeting minutes concerning water rates increase.

Amy Bickel made motion to approve the February 28, 2023 Special Meeting minutes. Seconded by Chris McVey and carried unanimously.

Approval of March 2, 2023 Special Meeting minutes for second reading of water rates increase.

Annette Baker made motion to approve the March 2, 2023, Special Meeting minutes. Seconded by Amy Bickel and carried unanimously.

Resolution to add City Clerk Deena Thomas as second signature to all City accounts.

Chris McVey made motion to add City Clerk Deena Thomas as second signature to all City accounts. Seconded by Annette Baker and carried unanimously.

Table Cell Tower Negotiations and location:

Eric Duvall made motion to table negotiations and location of proposed cell tower. Asked for further information. Seconded by Amy Bickel and carried unanimously. Items for investigation: location, access road, Valley Loop Road city road, dollar amount.

Approval to become a member of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce:

Annette Baker made motion to become a member of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce at the cost of \$350.00 annually. Seconded by Amy Bickel and carried unanimously.

Approval for \$300.00 donation to Easter Egg Hunt Bicycles:

Annette Baker made motion to donate \$300.00 for bicycles for the Easter Egg Hunt prizes. Seconded by Amy Bickel and carried unanimously.

Approval to close Access Road from 9th Street to 10th Street.

Amy Bickel made motion to close access road from 9th Street to 10th Street. Seconded by Annette Baker and carried unanimously.

T-Mobile contract renewal:

T-Mobile contract is up for renewal. Mayor is negotiating terms, dollar amount and conditions.

ATT proposed buyout:

ATT has proposed a buyout for 25 years for the amount of \$592,000.00. Mayor hopes to negotiate a higher amount closer to \$800,000.00.

Mayor's report:

1. I have been in contact with the Radcliff Police Chief Jeff Cross and Mayor Duval with a proposal for them to provide West Point with police protection. No response yet. There will be an evidence inspector from Radcliff coming to inspect and document our evidence room. A dehumidifier has been purchased to reduce mold and dampness at Radcliff PD direction. The security system has been placed on hold until a decision has been made whether to move to School Building.
2. There is one active application for Police Chief.
3. Representative Brett Guthrie's assistant (Carson Parker) visited the city. After discussion, she indicated that there is money that needs to be spent and they are looking at small communities. She forwarded 20 grants that are being evaluated for eligibility to apply.
4. The president of West Point Bank visited our city and offered completion of new services that we have requested. Shortly after the visit our credit card application has been approved.
5. Recruiters from Ft. Knox visited the city and will be present at the Ft. Duffield Bike Race.
6. There was a visit from the Deputy Garrison Commander of Ft. Knox and Garrison Command Sergeant Major. We have verbal approval for a trail from Ft. Duffield to Tioga Falls. They will provide the land, but we would have to clear and maintain it.

Meeting with Gary Masterson to walk and measure the area needed and provide a layout for the written approval.

7. Code Enforcement Software has been purchased. It is in the process of being uploaded and a date for training for mayor, city clerk and code enforcement officer.
8. Mayor's assistant Bonnie Ciresi has been working on the water deposit account and has active accounts in balance, and making a determination on who is owed a refund.
9. Fire Chief Eddie Curl inquired about our state fire aid and informed us that it had not been applied for in 2022. We have since provided the documentation, it has been received and approved to receive last year's fire aide of \$10,500. As soon as this is received and application for this year's fire aide can be made.
10. The Fire Department software multi user is now accessible. It will be in the cloud. It will track fire runs, training, personnel and will be available for insurance refunds.
11. The NEW West Point website is now available. Nearly all forms required to do business with the city are available and can be submitted online. The address is <https://westpoint.ky.gov>. These improvements were provided free to the city.
12. March 16 there will be a meeting with the Ky Floodplain Coordinator to address our flood rating system. Donna McCreary has agreed to spearhead the effort to be accepted into the Community Rating System. The city is currently rated a 10 (the lowest possible). After supplying necessary documents and information, the rate should improve. For every point lowered on the scale is a 10% reduction in everyone's flood insurance premium.
13. A draft copy of the contract for sale of the water and sewer system to Hardin County Water District #1 has been received. It has been reviewed along with our attorney and several suggestions were requested prior to returning it for final approval. The latest date for purchase is June 30, 2023. If that is not successful due to HCW delays the city will receive \$15,000.00 in liquidated damages.
14. Notice for bid on city insurance is advertised.
15. Notice for bid for auditor is advertised. Kentucky League of Cities has proposed several companies.
16. The Radcliff Small Business Association has asked that myself and three other local mayors would speak at their regular meeting March 21 at 12 noon.
17. The Farmer's Market met and decided to move the market to Veterans Park on Saturdays. Will be advertised as Farmers Market on the River.
18. Introduced a proposal for the city to repeal the Net Profit Tax ordinance. It is a great deal of paperwork for little reward. To replace this income, it is suggested that the business license be raised from \$40.00 to \$75.00. This will not only benefit the city but will also make the city more appealing to new businesses.
19. There was a discussion for introducing HUB zone. The city also possibly qualifies for a TIFF.
20. The update on the flagpole is that everything is in place and just waiting for good weather.

Committee Reports:

- Ft. Duffield: Gary Masterson reported there will be a bike race on March 25-26. 100 have register at this date. There will be camping at the Salt River Park. Hardin County EMS will have an ambulance and EMT on site. Food truck and Ft Knox will be present.

- There will be a dinner and auction April 1, 4:00 p.m. at the School Building to raise funds for Ft. Duffield. Donations of items requested.
- Planning and Zoning: Chairman Bill Hartley is working to update the city zoning map. He will be having a zoom meeting with Map Write. The cost will be approximately \$30.00 a month.
- Board of Adjustment: There will be a public hearing March 27, 7p.m. at the School Building. The River of Life Church has made an application for a cemetery.
- Fire Department: Chief Eddie Curl has applied for and received a grant for both a battery-operated Jaws-of-Life, and another for Thermal Imaging equipment for a total of \$20,000.
- River Days Festival: Tracy Frost reported on the progress of the festival. The date is set for September 14-16. The parade will be on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Fire works cost has increase and will be accepting donations at city hall. Make checks to River Days Festival. It has returned to its original account. \$6,000.00 was transferred into that account. The budget is \$7800.00 for this year.

Council Concerns:

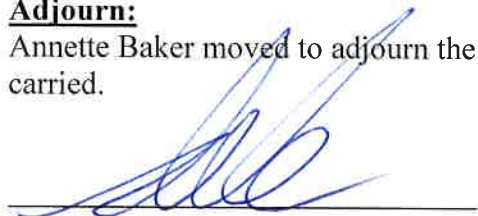
- Annette Baker requested information on the backhoe. The F250 truck has been sold for \$29,995.00. Will Roszelle remain as second signature? (yes) How many developers do we have? (3)
- Amy Bickel: She has developed a flyer and is working to make the city-wide cleanup a fun contest. The Clean Up will be April 22-29. There will be dumpster at the pole barn for West Point residents only. There will be a trailer for tires. Then they will be taken to dump site. Also, future e-scrap will have a trailer available.
- Eric Duvall: Four years ago, a storm warning siren was installed across Dixie at the Mountain View Road. It needed repairing but was never activated. Magistrate Chris Yates will investigate.
- Chris McVey: Software for the Fire Department is usable. Fee is \$20.00 a month. This will enable the Fire Department to collect from insurance companies for non-resident runs. Chris requested that the mayor ask Radcliff Police Department if they would patrol the city for a fee.

Citizens' Concerns:

- Brittney Miller reported that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt March 25, 1-3 p.m. at Veterans Park. Requested that the city provide \$300.00 for purchase of bicycles.
- Fred Staley reported that there is a large amount of traffic on the access road between 9th and 10th Streets. He would like to see it blocked.

Adjourn:

Annette Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Amy Bickel and unanimously carried.



Richard Ciresi, Mayor



Deena Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer