

City of West Point Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

7:00 p.m.

The City of West Point held a regular scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, May 8, 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

Jo Sabol

Absent: Chris McVey

Eric Duvall

Clerk/Treasurer: Deena Thomas

Agenda Items:

Approval of April 10, 2023 meeting minutes

Jo Sabol made motion to approve April 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Amy Bickel; carried unanimously.

Approval of financial report period ending April 30, 2023

Annette Baker made motion to approve the financial report period ending April 30, 2023. Seconded by Kevin Duke; carried unanimously.

Codification Ordinance 2023-02, second reading

Second reading of Codification Ordinance 2023-02 was read by Richard Ciresi. Annette Baker made motion to approve the second reading of the Codification Ordinance 2023-02. Seconded by Amy Bickel; carried unanimously.

Executive Session (KRS 613810 (f)):

Executive Session was tabled for a Special Called Meeting when all Council Members could be present. Meeting date TBD.

Cell tower lease authorization:

Kevin Duke made motion to approve the lease of land to Verizon for the erection of a cell tower. Seconded by Annette Baker; carried unanimously.

Packman Paranormal Agreement:

Kevin Duke made motion to approve the Packman Paranormal Agreement. Seconded by Annette Baker; Annette Baker, Amy Bickel, Kevin Duke voted yes. Jo Sabol voted no. Motion carried.

Vendor Fair Money Allocation:

Jo Sabol made motion to allocate vendor fair money directly to the Kids Club. Seconded by Amy Bickel; carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

1. Police update: Chief Cross may be able to provide two police officers at \$80,000 each with 60-80 hours per week in patrols. Sheriff John Ward and Lt. Col David Lee will provide a policing proposal in two weeks.
2. Evidence technicians have more work to do but have not been back to City Hall due to heavy caseloads.
3. Hardin County Animal Control is now visiting weekly and issued three citations on their last visit.
4. Hardin County Water District 1 received the final paperwork and files for the transfer of water and sewer.
5. Deena Thomas attended a 3-day training with the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association.
6. Due to a water pollution Class Action Settlement from 1997, the City of West Point received a check in the amount of \$17,024.47.
7. The city's credit card was hacked; awaiting new one.
8. Met with Hardin County School District to discuss the school building in West Point. They are interested in getting free of the building, however, there is a \$1.16 million bond on the building. We have solicited financial help on the \$1.16 million bond from Senator Matt Deneen, Senator David Yates, State Representative Nancy Tate, Russell Webber, Steve Bratcher, Jared Bauman and arranging a meeting with Chairman of Budget Preparation Jason Petrie.
9. Trail marking began Saturday from Ft. Duffield to Tioga Falls. Half the trail is marked but getting push back from Ft. Knox because they may pursue a conservation easement across the Holloway property.
10. Reach Alert is the new alert system for the city. The cost for the first year is \$711,000. We are trying to get Hardin County to pay for it. Will advertise on city website, Facebook, and city hall so citizens can sign up for it. Free to citizens.
11. Missed the 04-30-2023 deadline for ARPA money due to an administrator never being set up. Hopeful this will be resolved this week.
12. The Alcohol petition will begin soliciting signatures on June 10, 2023 and must be concluded prior to August 8th to make the November 8th ballot. Also, Marathon is now current with ABC reports.
13. Code Enforcement is now in full swing. We have completed 6 training sessions on iWORQ software and Notice of Violations are going out.

14. No proposals on city signs primarily due to the wind damage on all signs.
15. One fire run to bill to insurance for the month and still gathering information.
16. The Abundance of Life Church will be hosting the Kidz Bash in West Point. Registration is open on May 15th. It is set to begin June 6th and will run for 8 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 pm.
17. Preliminary budget preparations have started. Please advise with budget issues, concerns, and/or suggestions.
18. Received one audit bid from Baldwin CPAs for \$25,000; awaiting second bit from Susan Mouser. No other responses.
19. Will meet with Louisville Metro Deputy Mayor, Nicole George, on July 14th to discuss collaboration on the walking bridge across Salt River to tie into the Louisville Loop.
20. Met with the Kentucky Derby Festival Committee Chairman, Erin Rasinen, to discuss getting West Point involved in the festivities.
21. Owe the IRS additional \$1,041.23 in taxes and \$73.20 in interest due to notice of error on 2021 W-2's. They waived the penalties.
22. City Wide Clean-up was a success. Utilized two tire dumpsters and eight regular dumpsters. Cost the city \$4,000.00.
23. ATV stickers are available. Citizens must bring ATV to city hall to be examined with proof of insurance to obtain a sticker.
24. Amy Bickel and Richard Ciresi will participate in a City Cook Off on June 1st at Clean Good Eats in Radcliff.
25. The key has been found and instructions have been downloaded for the flag pole. Hopeful to have installed as soon as possible.

Committee Reports:

Ft. Duffield- Discussed Paranormal Walk Proposal and excited they made \$6,800.00 in the auction last month.

Planning & Zoning- Discussed wording of approved or denied on how confusing it is to citizens because once it passes through P&Z, it goes to state for approval or denial. Would rather use the words in compliance or not in compliance to alleviate the confusion on fences and buildings.

Board of Adjustments- Next meeting is set for June 5th

Fire Department- Need to replace radio in main fire engine. Estimated cost is between \$2,500.00 - \$3,500.00.

River Days- No Update.

Council Concerns:

Annette Baker: Requested the loan balances for all loans the city has, add Activity for Kids as a line item in the budget, and inquired if Code Enforcement officer can issue citations for loud vehicles.

Amy Bickel: Requested formalizing School Building Committee and Kids Club Committee, updated City Wide Clean-Up and Yard Sales were a success, and advertisements for school building rental going out. Also updated Music in the Park will be 3rd Friday of the month for June, July, and August. This is no cost to the city.

Kevin Duke: Policing is the biggest concern. Also, the Fire Department needs to set money aside within the budget for the purchase of new turn-out gear.

Jo Sabol: Wants money made from vendor fair to go to the Kids Club. Also, requested the playground behind the fire department dedicated In Memory of Josh Roederer. No objections were made.

Citizen Concerns:

There are two refrigerators and one freezer that's been sitting outside for a while at 1116 Mulberry St that need to be disposed of. Chickens are still getting out and making a mess/damaging private property. Another citizen inquired about money in the Police Department budget.

Adjourn:

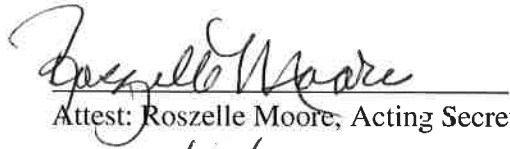
Amy Bickel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jo Sabol; carried unanimously. Meeting concluded at 8:23 pm.



Richard Ciresi, Mayor

Date: 6/12/23

Deena Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer



Attest: Roszelle Moore, Acting Secretary

Date: 6/12/2023