

City of West Point Council Meeting Minutes

9-11-2023

7:00 p.m.

A regularly scheduled City of West Point Council Meeting was held Monday, September 11, 2023, at the West Point Independent School Building, 203 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 (7:05)
	Absent: Chris McVey
	Kevin Duke
	Jo Sabol
Recording Clerk	Roszelle Moore

Approval of 8-14-2023 meeting minutes:

Annette Baker made a motion to approve the August 14, 2023, meeting minutes, with corrections made. Seconded by Amy Bickel and carried unanimously.

Approval of 8-31-2023 special meeting minutes:

Jo Sabol moved to accept the special meeting minutes for taxes. Seconded by Kevin Duke and unanimously carried.

Approval of Financial report for period ending 8-31-2023.

Amy Bickel moved to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Annette Baker and unanimously carried.

Second Reading of Alcohol Board Commission ordinance 2023-04

Amy Bickel read the first reading of ABC ordinance 2023-04. She read the summary which was approved by the attorneys. Annette Baker moved to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Eric Duvall and unanimously carried by roll call.

Second Reading of Setting Tax Rates Ordinance 2023-05

Amy Bickel read the second reading of ordinance 2023-05 setting the tax rates for 2023-2024. Kevin Duke moved to accept the ordinance as read. Seconded by Eric Duvall and unanimously carried by roll call.

Mayor's report:

- Cell tower lease agreement review. Vote on acceptance at the next meeting due to complexity.
- There is a shortfall on the AT&T lease payment. The current contract will not be renewed until next year and the new amount was included in the budget. This will be adjusted in a revised budget ordinance.
- We FINALLY received the \$38,794.59 due from the completion of the sewer plant in May of 2022.
- The contract for Ft. Duffield Road has been let as the money was confirmed. Start in two to four weeks.
- Working with LG&E to get the riverbank rocked.
- We have agreed with Hardin Co. Water on an October 1 transfer date. HCW will require either a credit check or a \$111 deposit. We have started the process of refunding water deposits the city is holding and applying them to the current bills when possible.
- We've repaired two major water leaks where water was running down the street or standing near the road. Both were estimated at \$1,200. We traded used equipment for one of them. This will save approximately \$755 per month in water costs.
- Major tree down on 5th St. The city's obligation is to clear the streets. The cost was \$5,500. We filed a claim with the insurance, but it was denied.
- Code enforcement is going strong 38 Cases, 12 have complied and closed one, has requested a hearing, 10 currently with citations issued.
- Our new employee is doing very well and may be presented at the next meeting for approval as City Clerk. Her background has cleared.
- The car show generated \$600 in income, \$420 for the school and \$180 for Ft. Duffield.

- Sheriff's report included in packet.
- Had a visit from the State Police regarding federal property.
- The flagpole is up. The eagle is broken. We will most likely raise the flag on Wednesday to allow for maximum curing time on the concrete. The Commemoration has been postponed due to the inability to get enough vets and Fort Knox people to perform the ceremony. Currently shooting for November 11, veterans' day.
- We've participated in two parades this month. Elizabethtown and Radcliff.
- Clothes Closet Opening Oct 1 through Dec 31. Enter through the door on the Mulberry side building. Women, extra-large women's, children, and men's.
- The Lewis & Clark Trust has their interns in place and has started preliminary meetings to convert the school library into a Lewis and Clark Museum.
- Hardin Co. Animal control started trapping cats last week that yielded seven cats of which four were returned.
- There is an offer coming to re-open the Salt River RV Park from an investor. They are waiting for final electrical estimates.
- Met with Wes Albros regarding the property. It will be sold, and I spoke to his realtor today. It may be auctioned.
- The River of Life Kidz program started with 23 participants on the first weekend. They will also be providing a bus to take people/children to church when necessary.
- The block watch failed in its current format. The city will take on the process sometime after the first of the year.

Committee Reports:

Fort Duffield: Project pavilion at top of hill started.

Planning and Zoning: No report

Board of Adjustment: No report

Fire Department: Fire truck needed a siren replaced and some wiring for lights. It should be back this week. An application for a grant to supply turn-out gear has been sent.

Council Concerns:

- Annette Baker asked about moving the Veterans Park basketball court to the old tennis court at the school property. River of Life is clearing the court of grass and Jason Volt's company will be blacktopping it at no expense to the

city. Proposing a Pickle Ball court, but possibly could add the basketball court. Annette has volunteered to contact Jason to see what the next step will be.

- Amy Bickel - Next meeting about the school building will be September 20, 7pm.
- Kevin Duke reported that there appears to be a water leak from the property on corner of 8th and Mulberry.
- Eric Duvall asked about the stop/street sign on 15th and Mulberry. Also, one has been knocked down on 209 Elm. Republic will pay to replace.
- Jo Sabol reported on the River Days Festival.

Citizens' Concerns:

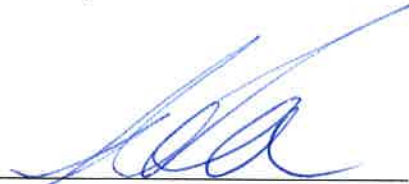
Fred Staley complained that the field behind his property needs to be mowed. Wanted to know the status of the complaint. A notice of violation has been sent to Yellow Diamond LLC. Fred thanked that the flag pole has been erected...

Fran Moore spoke about the River Days parade. The theme this year is "Rollin' on the River." Requested that the council ride in the parade.

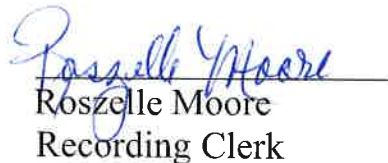
Monie Matthews reported that the walking brochure has been printed. 5,000 provided by a grant. WDRB TV Keith Kaiser will be here Wednesday 5-10 am reporting on the festival.

Adjourn:

Jo Sabol moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Eric Duvall and unanimously carried.



Richard A. Ciresi
Mayor



Roszelle Moore
Recording Clerk