

**WEST POINT CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 2024**

The City Council of the City of West Point, Kentucky, met in a regular session on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the West Point Independent School building, 203 N. 13th Street, West Point, Kentucky, with Mayor Richard A. Ciresi presiding as chair.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ciresi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ciresi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER: Mayor Ciresi led in prayer.

ROLL CALL:

PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Ciresi, Mayor

PRESENT: Amy Bickel
Kevin Duke
Hanna Duvall
Chris McVey
Jo Sabol

ABSENT: Annette Baker

RECORDING CLERK: Ashley Gates

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-OCTOBER 14, 2024-:

The October 14, 2024, minutes were presented for approval. Chris McVey made a motion to adopt the minutes as written and his motion was seconded by Amy Bickel; Motion carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 31ST, 2024-:

Upon motion by Hanna Duvall, duly seconded by Jo Sabol, the financial report for October 2024 was accepted as presented. A roll call vote was taken; All members present voted "yes" and the motion carried.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to both incumbent and new council members elected last Tuesday. I look forward to working with everyone to keep West Point moving forward.
2. We have received the preliminary recommendations from the Bank Stabilization Grant. (Hand Out) The total estimated cost will be in the \$2,000,000 range and should be mostly funded by grants. This will be a permanent solution to the erosion of the city's property and Veterans Park.

Public hearings are tentatively scheduled for the first of December. Once the hearings are complete, grant application will begin.

3. The Dollar General store continues moving forward. We have successfully solved numerous issues and legal problems necessary to keep this project moving. There is currently a requested setback reduction that will hopefully complete the process.
4. The auditor continues to be elusive. Via email on Oct 14, we were provided with a moderate assurance that the audit would be completed for this council meeting. More recent emails have not been responded to. We will be filing a complaint with the Kentucky State Board of accountancy.
5. We have received the application for the relocated cell tower and will schedule the necessary public hearings as soon as possible.
6. The rezoning of the first 250' of the cities property along Dixie Highway will be taken up by Planning and Zoning on Tuesday 11-12-24.
7. No response from the IRS as of today.
8. The boat ramp parking lot has been paved, the stripping is complete, and we are awaiting the repaving of Salt River Road. We still have several signs that can now be installed regarding parking, fishing, littering, etc.
9. The Lewis & Clark Interpretive and Education Center continues to progress. We have established an approximate budget, and the majority of the displays are in design. Other Lewis & Clark centers around the country are offering contributions to enhance the facility.
10. The replacement crawl tube has been received and installed. I would like to thank Tony Baker and Darrell Sample for completing the installation. Darrell is also attempting to repair the old tube just in case we should need it in the future due to the high cost of \$1200.
11. We have an award. Roszelle Moore has been awarded the Level 1 Achievement in City Government from the KLC as she has registered 30 Hours of training.
12. I would like to thank Scott Phillips for re-piping the Park Rest Rooms at no cost to the city. Scott replaced a few broken valves and re-piped the entire system to allow it to be completely drained in the winter.
13. Meetings and events attended on behalf of the City this month.
 - a) Hardin Co Fiscal Court (2)
 - b) Hardin Co. Chamber Board Meeting.
 - c) Lincoln Trail Area Development District Board Meeting
 - d) Jim Iacocca retirement Reception
 - e) Fort Knox Family Services annual fundraiser
 - f) Hardin County Community Partnership dinner
 - g) Elizabethtown Lions Club annual fundraiser
 - h) Baptist Health Grand Opening reception of their new pavilion
 - i) An invited speaker at the Vine Grove Business

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FT. DUFFIELD: Chuck McCreary reported that the only activity has been the development of new walking trails and separating the hiking and biking trails.

PLANNING & ZONING: Roszelle Moore reminded everyone that on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7 p.m., the Planning & Zoning committee will hold a meeting at the school. The meeting will address two items: a city zoning change request and the TowerCo cell tower proposal.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: Nothing to report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chris McVey shared that more information regarding breakfast with Santa should be available within the next week.

MUSEUM REPORT: Nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The finance committee did not meet this month. Typically, they meet on the second Wednesday of each month but is proposing to move their meeting to the Wednesday following the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Nothing to report.

5. COUNCIL CONCERNS:

AMY BICKEL: shared that the West Point holiday parade & Light Up West Point will take place on November 30. She encouraged participation in the event and mentioned that she will begin sending out Facebook event announcements and it would be great if everyone could help circulate those.

CHRIS MCVEY: inquired whether a monthly sheriff's office report had been received. The mayor explained that the city did receive the report but that he had forgotten to include it in the packet but will email it to everyone. Chris also asked about the status of the RV Park. The mayor explained that Hardin County Water has completed their work. Hampton has conducted smoke testing and is trying to figure out what to do with the sewers. He has also received quotes for the electrical work, and the plan is to have the RV Park ready to open in the spring.

JO SABOL: River Days—*take two*—was a success! Most of the vendors returned for the makeup event, and interest has been so high that a waiting list for vendors has now been started. All of the food trucks Jo spoke with had a successful day and expressed interest in returning next year.

6. CITIZEN CONCERNS:

LENA MCVEY: The Ladies auxiliary partnered with the fire department to quickly organize a Trunk or Treat event for the kids. While there was a good turnout of children, participation from those handing out candy was notably low. For those who did participate, their efforts were greatly appreciated by both the kids and the community. Hopefully, River Days can take over the event again next year, allowing for better advertising and a larger turnout. The fire department continued its tradition of handing out hot dogs at the firehouse on Halloween night. Despite the rainy weather, they successfully managed to hand out 200 hot dogs in just an hour and a half.

ERIC DUVALL: Would like to see littering signs installed throughout town and along 31-W. The mayor mentioned that he has signs for the boat ramp but will order additional signs to be placed around the city.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Ciresi called for a motion to adjourn. Kevin Duke so moved, with a second from Hanna Duvall. Motion passes unanimously, the time being 7:29 PM.

CITY OF WEST POINT



Richard A. Ciresi, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ashley Gates, City Clerk