

West Point City

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS

6:00 PM ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

7:00 PM GENERAL SESSION

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

6:00 PM ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

7:00 PM GENERAL SESSION

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

With historically low mortgage rates and a current housing shortage, it seems like new development within the City has been jumpstarted. As you drive through West Point, it is easy to see projects that are already underway and others that are preparing to break ground. At the 1980 census, West Point City's population was a whopping 2,170 residents. I was six years old then and have been around to see some big changes from what West Point used to be. Growing up, I could walk out by my backyard and go a long way just crossing fences and ditches without ever coming to a paved road. From those days to now, after being involved in city government for about two decades, I have learned a few things that I think are important to share.

West Point is not in the development business, nor does the City own anywhere close to a majority of the property here. As many of the old farms and land are sold, those property owners have certain rights afforded to them, including development of their property. While having to afford property owners their rights, the most important thing a city can do is to try and control all of the variables the law allows. We, as other cities, have a process in place to make sure that the growth is calculated, sustainable, and done in the best way possible for the City. It all starts with what is called a General Plan, which all cities and counties are required to have. The General Plan provides a "blueprint" of a city's projected land use needs, goals, and guidelines for future development. More recently, Utah State Law requires that every General Plan also provide "a realistic opportunity" to meet the need for additional moderate-income housing.

Our General Plan is not static, but reviewed at least every few years or as needed as new information becomes known. For example, we now know where SR-193 is going to connect to the West Davis Corridor, and so this is something we want to include in our General Plan as we

determine the best land uses of the surrounding areas. The General Plan is also very important as it helps us determine the costs of future infrastructure that will be needed. Knowing these costs allows us to collect what are called "impact fees" on new building permits so that the residents building these new homes are essentially 'paying the bill' for the impacts they are creating.

Every single time we change the General Plan, multiple hearings are held to allow all residents to weigh in and give their thoughts and ideas about land uses within the City moving forward. As I already mentioned, I have been serving West Point for some time and I am not exaggerating when I say that in all of those roughly 20 years, we have not had more than 20 residents *total* come to those hearings or provide input on any revisions made to our General Plan. I feel like this can only mean one of two things – either we are doing a good job or residents just don't come out to be a part of this very important process.

One of the most important things to note about the General Plan is that a revision or zoning change to the General Plan does not change the actual zoning of a property. The only way that a property's zoning can be changed is if the property owner applies to have it rezoned – it is not a city-initiated process. Once a property owner makes the request for the rezone, it is considered by the Planning Commission, who then makes a recommendation on whether or not to approve the rezone request to the City Council. In their considerations, both the Planning Commission and the City Council again hold public hearings to gather resident input on the requested zoning of the specific property. A majority of the time, those public hearings are lightly attended and little feedback is given – this is not always the case, but for the most part, they are not all that productive. If the requested zoning for the property is consistent with the General Plan, the property owner is entitled to

approval of the rezone. Once the property has been rezoned, the property owner has certain rights to develop the property according to the ordinances of that zone. On occasion, I come across residents who blame "the City" and "City leaders" for the development in West Point, but as I said before, the City does not start the process. The Planning Commission, City Council, and City Staff try to determine how to best prepare for the future, while inviting resident input, and then work with property owners and developers to make the best possible projects within the guidelines outlined in our ordinances.

The bottom line of my message this month is this: every resident has a chance to give their input, attend City meetings and be a part of this public process. Our Planning Commission and City Council meeting agendas, as well as all public hearing notices, are posted online – subscribe for updates or just remind yourself to check them regularly. Be on watch for those areas that are important to you and come give your input. I would love and welcome more citizen involvement. The Planning Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, and the City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

I plan on living in West Point the rest of my life. I hope that my kids will be able to raise their own families here and be a part of the city that I love so much. I know the other members of the City Council and Planning Commission have that same lens they are looking through when making land-use decisions. Growth will continue to come – it is important for us to do it responsibly and make sure we do all we can to get sustainable developments.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me by calling City Hall and leaving me a message.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne

SENIOR LUNCH

Until further notice, senior lunches will be canceled due to the concerns surrounding COVID-19.

Seniors 65+ are considered higher risk and recommended to avoid large gatherings.

Once there are no longer health concerns, we will resume our monthly senior lunches!

If you have questions about COVID-19, the Utah Department of Health has established a hotline at 1-800-456-7707 and has information available at www.coronavirus.utah.gov

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council Swearing-In was held on August 19th at the Loy Blake Park and we are so excited to work with all of the Members, whether they are new or returning!

We are also excited for our new YC Officers for the 2020-2021 Youth Council year and are so pleased to have Brenda Pehrson come back as our Youth Council Advisor! We want to thank her for all her hard work!

We had a really fun retreat on September 19th! We played games and did activities that brought us closer together as a Youth Council, and we also made and delivered Candy Grams to our wonderful firefighters at the North Davis Fire District.

At the October meeting we are going to have one big birthday party for all of our members.

We also have a Veteran Flag Placement and Program on November 9th in honor of Veterans Day that we are looking forward to!

Thank you for your support for the Youth Council! We are excited to do everything we can to serve you and this wonderful City we live in!

-Angelina Orton, YC City Recorder



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FALL CLEAN-UP OCT. 23-24

**DUMPSTERS WILL BE AT EACH CITY PARK ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**
*LOY BLAKE PARK*BINGHAM PARK*EAST PARK*
DO NOT PILE GARBAGE OUTSIDE OF THE DUMPSTERS!
IF DUMPSTERS ARE FULL, PLEASE TRY ANOTHER LOCATION.
DUMPSTERS WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY EMPTIED.



**NO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL,
CONCRETE, TIRES, ETC.**

CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Members of the public who do not want to attend the meetings in-person due to health concerns may participate in the Citizen Comment or Public Hearing items via email prior to the meeting.

Email your comments by 7 PM to:

City Council: carold@westpointcity.org

Planning Commission: mbailey@westpointcity.org

Subject Line: Must be designated as Citizen/Public Hearing Comment for: (Reference Meeting Date)

Email Body: Must include Full Name & Address and a succinct statement of your comment.



VOTING AND COVID-19

What you need to know!

- This election will be conducted primarily by mail.
- All ballots are delivered with a Business Reply or Postage Paid return envelope. In addition, drop boxes will be available.
- Drop boxes are available 24/7 and will be available until 8:00 pm on Election Day. Click here for locations.
- There will be curbside Early Voting October 27th through the 30th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the County Clerk's Office.
- There will be one drive-up voting location on Election Day. This location is provided primarily for voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail or who are unable to vote that ballot because of a disability.

Make sure you receive a ballot!

Make sure you are registered to vote at www.vote.utah.gov

Voter Registration deadline is 11 days before each election. If you miss the deadline, you may vote provisionally in person on Election Day or During Early Voting as explained above.

BUILDING/DEVELOPMENT

A drop-spot container is placed at the front doors of City Hall with a number to call to inform Staff that documents have been placed in the container. Staff will retrieve the documents as quickly as possible.

Payment for permits will be taken over the phone. If you are picking up a building permit, please call ahead and we will make arrangements.

Building inspections will continue as normal.

UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Utility Payments can be placed in the drop box in the northeast corner of the parking lot, mailed, paid online, or made by calling City Hall at 801-776-0970.

New Utility Applications can be printed online and emailed to

ldavies@westpointcity.org, faxed, placed in the drop box, or mailed. Once received, City Staff will contact you for the deposit payment and any additional information. Utility terminations or account updates may be done via email or phone.

WASTE COLLECTION

Please do not overload your waste containers. If the lid on a container is open, it is considered overloaded and can be difficult to dump. Please also remember to place waste in its proper container. Lastly, please make sure that your containers are 6 ft. away from other objects and at least 20 ft. away from any vehicles. Please help keep our City as clean and sanitary as possible!

SECONDARY WATER

Just a reminder that all irrigation deliveries will be shut off mid-October.

Please call Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company at 801-774-6373 if you have any questions. For updated information you can also visit their website at DavisWeber.org

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

GETTING READY FOR WINTER

With winter just around the corner, our Public Works employees are preparing to keep our roads clear of snow and ice. Their efforts will help make our commutes easier and keep our streets safer. We also need **your** help to make sure snow removal can be accomplished in the safest and most efficient manner.

West Point City Code 10.05.50 (H)(3) prohibits the parking of any vehicle, trailer, recreational vehicle, etc, on streets between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am beginning November 1st and continuing until the last day of February.

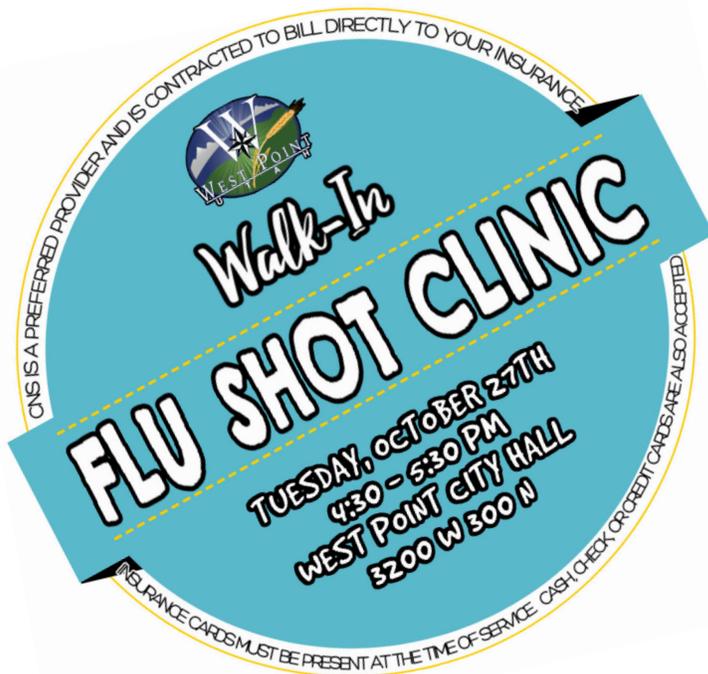
Code Enforcement and the Davis County Sheriff's Department will be patrolling the streets during the winter months to issue notices and citations to enforce this Ordinance. Because of the obstruction that vehicles parked on the road cause for plowing, vehicles can even be towed at the owner's expense.

Please also be aware that pushing or blowing snow onto public streets is strictly prohibited. As you clear snow, please ensure that it stays on your property.

Your cooperation in helping the City handle another winter is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your efforts in keeping West Point City a beautiful and safe place to live and raise a family.

Please call or email Bruce Dopp, Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or bdopp@westpointcity.org. Complaints may also be submitted via the City website at www.westpointcity.org



MISS WEST POINT ROYALTY PRESENTS: 2020 HALLOWEEN VIRTUAL CARNIVAL!

Goblins and Ghoules, for this Halloween awaken the spirit with West Point City!

There will be contests for all ages! Contests include:

COSTUME CONTEST,
PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST,
MASK DECORATING CONTEST,
COLORING CONTEST,
HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST.



Applications with pictures must be submitted via Google Forms by October 22 at westpointcity.org/Halloween-carnival/

WEST POINT RECREATION

Recreation sign-ups online at www.westpointcity.org

JR. JAZZ BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION DATES

October 1st - November 5th

GRADES

Boys: 1st - 12th

Girls: 1st - 9th

COST

Boys: 1st - 6th: \$50

Boys: 7th - 12th: \$60

Girls: \$50

Recreation Aide positions may be available! Visit "Job Openings" on City website for more information!

FREE HELP for COVID-19 related stress

THE UTAH STRONG RECOVERY PROJECT

If you or someone you know is experiencing stress, anxiety or depression because of COVID-19, talk to a crisis counselor seven days a week, 7a-7p. All information is confidential and free of charge.

Services include:



emotional support



crisis counseling



coping strategies



mental health education



referrals if more help is needed

Call/Text: 385-386-2289

Email (first name and phone number only):
UtahStrong@utah.gov

For immediate response after hours:
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Counseling in Spanish and other languages available.

Operated by the Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health through a FEMA grant, facilitated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR:
MARY DRAKE - 801-825-5321

In 1783, and for several years later, the Barbary Pirates were capturing American ships and crews and holding them for ransom. Congress acknowledged that our still burgeoning nation would need to take serious steps to establish itself as a rightful and respected force in the world of nations and it was apparent that "sea-power" was the name of the game at this time. The United States would not become THE sea-power nation until WWII, but the Barbary Pirates needed a current introduction.

Early in that year Congress passed the Naval Act of 1794. Included in the Act was funding for the construction of six heavy frigates, but included the stipulation that should a peace accord be reached with Algiers and the 'Barbaries', construction would be halted. The six ships were in various stages of construction when peace was announced between Algiers and the United States. Accordingly, all construction was halted. However, following promptings from President Washington, work on three of the warships that were farthest along in construction was resumed. These three were named: United States, Constellation, and Constitution. All would see valiant service, but the third to be launched, Constitution, was especially destined for greatness.

For comparison, a frigate in the 18th century would compare with a 20th century cruiser. In the same comparison, a "ship of the line" then would be considered a battleship. The United States had no ships of the line but the three launched vessels were "heavy frigates", mounting over 44, and on occasion more than 50, cannons; most frigates of the day mounted only 32 guns. They were designed to take on anything afloat of the frigate class or smaller and could outrun any ship of the line.

Launched on the 17th of October 1797, the Constitution was, indeed, a heavy frigate. Also She had a deep draft and a 21-inch thick hull made of Georgia oak and coated from the water-line and below with copper sheathing. She was

204 ft. long with a 43.5 ft. beam. She first saw action during the "Quasi-War" with France from 1798 to the close of the 18th Century. The Constitution won many honors during the Barbary Wars.

Then came the War of 1812 with England. At one point she was engaged by five British Frigates but escaped unharmed. On the 19th of August a frigate, HMS Guerriere, was encountered and defeated. The British were amazed to observe that most of their cannonballs bounced off the Constitution's hull (Remember, it's 21 inches thick). The observation of an American sailor summed it up as "Huzzah! Her sides are made of iron!" and acquired her with the nickname "Old Ironsides."

Yes, the life and battles of Old Ironsides are long and glorious, some of which came from Congress and the Navy Department, and are too many to report here. Suffice it to say that she survived them all to become today the oldest war vessel in the world still in commission. She is manned full-time by an active duty crew of 3 officers and 85+ enlisted U.S. Navy men and women. Home ported in Boston Harbor as a museum vessel, once a year on the Fourth of July she sails under her own power and fires a broadside 21-gun salute to the nation.



Stay safe and stay healthy.

- Marv Drake, Committee Chair

NOTICE: IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING GATHERINGS DURING THE CURRENT PANDEMIC, THE VETERANS DAY/ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR.