

MINUTES OF MEETING

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of West Point, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:00 o'clock PM on March 15, 2018 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building in West Point, Nebraska.

Present were: Mayor Johnson; Councilmembers: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Black.
Absent: Schlecht.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and stated that in accordance with State Statute Section 84-1412 the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall in the Council Chambers for public information. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

At the last meeting Jim Sherwood with the annual Power Drive Race asked to close a portion of 18th Road and Grove Street by the high school for this race. The Council was not in favor of closing these streets but to use Neligh Park as in the past and suggested that he talk to the Park Board. Mr. Sherwood appeared before the Council stating that he had talked to the Park Board and it was decided to use the same route as last year for the Power Drive Race. Moved by Swenson, seconded by Black, to authorize the use of the paved road (Washington Street extending west) in Neligh Park for the Power Drive Race on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Black. Nay: None. Absent: Schlecht. Motion carried.

John Zwingman of Advanced Consulting Engineering Services appeared before the Council to present the plans and specifications for the construction of a trails and pathways project. The West Point Trails and Pathways Committee has proposed a project to construct trails and pathways in Neligh Park and Wilderness Park which project would be fully funded by the Committee. However, the project would be on city park property and city right-of-ways, so Council approval was needed. At the Council meeting held on October 4, 2016 the Council approved the route of the project and the Committee is now presenting the design of the project for Council approval. The portion of the project in Neligh Park was completed in conjunction with the city's paving project in Neligh Park last summer. Mr. Zwingman reviewed the plans and specifications for the construction of the remaining portions of the project and answered questions from the council and from Ken Hugo and George Wimmer in attendance. It was stated

very effort will be made to limit the disturbance to the habitat and wildlife and that grasses would be seeded as soon as possible following construction to limit erosion. Once the project is completed, the City will take over the maintenance of the trails and pathways. It was stated that there would be no mowing along the trails nor snow removal during the winter months by the city. The Committee stated that these are intended to be fair weather trails. It is the Committee's intent to go out for bids in a few months with possible construction to start in the fall and for completion in 2019. Following discussion, it was moved by Paus and seconded by Ell, to approve the engineering plans and specifications as presented for the construction of the trails and pathways project of the West Point Trails and Pathways Committee. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, and Black. Nay: None. Abstaining: Hugo. Absent: Schlecht. Motion carried

The City Administrator and Wendy Ridder, the City Attorney, reviewed with the Council the proposed West Point Extended Campus Interlocal Agreement with Northeast Community College and the Collaborative Agreement to Construct An Education and Training Center between the West Point Community Foundation, Northeast Community College and the City of West Point. Following discussion, Black introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Northeast Community College currently leases from the City of West Point an extended campus known as the Shirley and Jake Weber Educational Wing of the Donald E. Nielsen Community Center pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement dated June 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, there has been a privately led campaign by the citizens of West Point and the surrounding area to raise funds to construct an additional facility in West Point, to be known as the Donald E. Nielsen Career and Technical Training Facility, which will be donated to the City of West Point and used by Northeast Community College; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Community College and the City of West Point desire to enter into a mutually agreeable Interlocal Agreement to provide for the lease, operation, and maintenance of both the Shirley and Jake Weber Educational Wing and the Donald E. Nielsen Career and Technical Training Facility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the City of West Point, Nebraska that the City does hereby approve the West Point Extended Campus Interlocal Agreement with Northeast Community College for the lease, operation, and maintenance of the Shirley and Jake Weber Educational Wing and the Donald E. Nielsen Career and Technical Training Facility; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said Agreement.

Hugo seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Black. Nay: None.

Absent: Schlecht. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Swenson then introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the West Point Community Foundation, Inc., Northeast Community College, and the City of West Point, have been working together along with other individuals involved in a privately led campaign to raise funds to construct a career and technical education and training center in West Point which shall be known as the Donald E. Nielsen Career and Technical Training Facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Point has authorized the construction of the Education Center on City owned real estate by Resolution No. 2018-13 passed on March 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Point and Northeast Community College have entered into a lease whereby Northeast Community College will possess and operate the Education Center and the City will provide certain maintenance and up-keep services related to the real estate and building structure; and

WHEREAS, West Point Community Foundation, Inc., Northeast Community College and the City of West Point desire to set forth each Party's roles and responsibilities with regard to the contributions to the cost of the Education Center, the construction phase of building the Education Center structure, and the transfer of ownership and operations following the structure's completion.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the City of West Point, Nebraska that the City does hereby approve the Collaborative Agreement To Construct An Education and Training Center between West Point Community Foundation, Inc., Northeast Community College and the City of West Point setting forth each Party's roles and responsibilities with regard to the contributions to the cost of the Donald E. Nielsen Career and Technical Training Facility, the construction phase of building said structure, and the transfer of ownership and operations following the structure's completion; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said Agreement.

Ell seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Black. Nay: None.

Absent: Schlecht. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the possible purchase of real estate adjacent to the municipal building. The City Administrator advised that the property owner has accepted an offer on the property so it is no longer available.

The Council then considered the third and final reading of ordinance No. 1394 for the annexation and dedication of approximately one acre of land directly north of the travel plaza.

Ordinance No. 1394 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4 SE1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22) AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4 SW1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23) , ALL IN TOWNSHIP TWENTY-TWO (22) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6), EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA AS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN TO BE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ADDITION M, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WEST POINT, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE ANNEXATION PLAT; TO ACCEPT THE PLAT AND DEDICATION OF ADDITION M, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WEST POINT,

CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA; ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE STREET THEREIN FOR PUBLIC USE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM,

was then read by title only. Paus moved for final passage of the annexation portion of Ordinance No. 1394 which motion was seconded by Hugo. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Black. Nay: None. Absent: Schlecht. Motion carried. Ell moved for final passage of the dedication portion of Ordinance No. 1394 which motion was seconded by Hugo. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Black. Nay: None. Absent: Schlecht. Motion carried. The Mayor then declared Ordinance No. 1394 adopted.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Paus, to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC
City Clerk