

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 September 27, 2017 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building in West Point, Nebraska.

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

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.

Rich Andrysik with Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) appeared before the Council regarding Renewable Distributed Generation. The Council needs to have a policy in place to deal with people putting in renewable energy such as solar panels and state statutes require municipalities do net metering. Which is basically that if the renewable energy produced exceeds the customer load the excess is sent to the utility. At the end of the month, the amount of energy sent to the utility is subtracted from the amount of energy delivered by the utility to the customer. This net amount is the billed energy, either for the customer or the utility. NMPP is in the process of preparing a draft plan for the city and it will be presented to the Council in the next month or two.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Schlecht to go into closed session at 7:45 PM for the protection of the public interest to discuss property of Cuming County Ag Society (former Gerhold property) and agreement with Cuming County Ag Society. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Schlecht, and Hugo. Nay: None. Absent: Black. Motion carried. The Mayor then restated for the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session was for the protection of the public interest to discuss property of Cuming County Ag Society (former Gerhold property) and agreement with Cuming County Ag Society.

It was moved by Swenson and seconded by Paus that the closed session end and the Council be back in regular session. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Schlecht, and Hugo. Nay: None. Absent: Black. Motion carried. Council back in regular session at 8:11 PM.

The Council then proceeded to negotiate with the members of the Cuming County Ag Society present at the meeting, being Chad Ludwig and Eddie Linninbrink, on the purchase of the Gerhold property by the City; the sale of 6 acres in Neligh Park to the Ag Society; a lease agreement on the use of the Nielsen Center during the fair; and the future use of the parking on the former Gerhold property during the fair. If the City acquires this property, it will be used to construct a new educational center to be used by a collaboration of area high schools, Wayne State College and Northeast Community College. Following discussion, the City presented its proposal on each item and Mr. Ludwig said that the Ag Society (Fair Board) would meet and consider the various matters.

Moved by Paus, seconded by Swenson, to adjourn at 8:48 P.M. Carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC
City Clerk