

MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of West Point, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 444 S. Main Street, West Point, Nebraska.

Present were: Mayor Bruce A. Schlecht; Councilmembers: Shea Stokely, Ryan Penrose, Tom Swenson, Mark Buse and Rusty Smith. Jerry Hugo arrived at 5:38 PM.

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 west wall of the Council Chambers for public information. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Swenson, to approve the following consent agenda:

1. City appointed volunteer boards and commissions - None.
2. Fire & rescue departments – accept memberships and resignations – None.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Claims.

Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Hugo. Motion carried.

	PAYROLL	307,009.18
CITY PAYROLL TAX FUND	EMPLOYER FICA	7,532.50
ASCENSUS LLC	RETIRE CONTRIB	3,762.37
WAPA	ELEC-POWER	12,820.41
CVA	POLICE FUEL	701.43
WAGNER TIRE & REPAIR	FUEL/REP/MAINT	748.19
HUGO PLUMBING & HEATING	SERVICE/REP/MAINT	3,885.07
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	26,825.89
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	PARK SALES TAX	89.41
CHRISTIENSEN CONSTRUCTION	POOL PROJECT PYMT #7 & #8	668,196.54
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	234.18
PETROMART	FUEL	822.84
SAPP BROS	FUEL	7,912.81
CITY PAYROLL TAX FUND	EMPLOYER FICA	7,902.82
ASCENSUS	RETIRE CONTRIB	3,769.20
CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER	ELEC - POWER	136.46
MEAN	ELEC - POWER	293,070.48

PIZZA RANCH	LB840 GRANT	20,000.00
CITY PAYROLL TAX FUND	EMPLOYER FICA	8,426.85
ASCENSUS	RETIRE CONTRIB	3,698.08
BCBS	HEALTH INS	49,419.18
ADVANCED CONSULTING	POOL BOND-PROF SERVICE	400.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	SUPPLIES/REP & MAINT	337.00
BSN SPORTS	PARK SUPPLIES	624.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	SERVICE	589.23
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	949.40
BORDER STATES	ELEC SUPPLIES	2,663.85
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	RESCUE SUPPLIES	1,891.79
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	TRAINING/SERVICE	1,017.41
CVA	REP/MAINT	275.45
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	1,033.93
CORE & MAIN LP	WATER & ELEC METERS	7,084.24
CORE HEALTH CLUB	POLICE TRAINING	234.00
CUMING COUNTY RURAL WATER	PARK SERVICE	138.00
CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER	ELEC WHEELING	5,791.80
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIP	EQUIP REP	262.96
DAVE'S DRYCLEANING	SERVICE	31.00
DINSLAGE SMALL ENGINE	REP/MAINT	182.15
DUTTON LAINSON	REPAIR/SUPPLIES	1,348.61
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIP REP	54.00
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING	REP/MAINT/EQUIP	678.50
ENGELMEYER REPAIR	EQUIP REP	1,688.65
GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING	BOOKS	203.45
GERHOLD CONCRETE	STRT IMPROVE	2,077.08
L. P. GILL INC.	SAN TIPPING FEE	10,015.72
GILL HAULING	SAN HAULING FEE	3,948.54
GRAINGER	SUPPLIES	17.85
GRAYBEAL'S FOOD	SUPPLIES	95.97
HAWKINS	SUPPLIES	4,829.22
HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINT	SUPPLIES	1,896.96
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	BOOKS	1,004.39
JACKSON SERVICES	UNIFORMS	1,279.10
JOHN A. STAHL LIBRARY	POSTAGE	58.80
THE LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA	TRAIN & TRAVEL	1,605.00
LEISURE LAWN CARE	SERVICE	1,869.92
LOGEMANN AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	438.87
MAHASKA	COMM CNTR CONCESSIONS	525.29
MATHESON TRI-GAS	RESCUE SUPPLIES	145.81
MICROMARKETING	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	486.99
MIDWEST LABORATORIES	SERVICE	170.10
MIDWEST TAPE	LIB SUPPLIES	158.92

NE PUBLIC HEALTH	LAB SERVICES	112.60
NE VET SERVICES	POLICE SERVICE	403.55
OCLC	LIBRARY SERVICE	47.71
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	SERVICE	93.79
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	1,272.97
PRESTO X	SERVICE	80.23
QUADIENT FINANCE USA	POSTAGE	619.95
QUICK MED CLAIMS	RESCUE SERVICE	1,236.96
S2 ROLL-OFFS LLC	SERVICE	320.00
HEREFORD WORKS	EQUIP REP	24.00
ST JOSEPH'S HILLSIDE VILLA	SR CNTR MEALS	3,650.25
SCHMADER ELECTRIC	SERVICE	10,486.20
SCHUETZE PLUMBING & HEATING	REP & MAINT	385.25
SEALS & SERVICE	REP & MAINT	804.54
SKYWAVE WIRELESS	SERVICE	224.95
SPECIAL ROADS FUND	EQUIP REP	779.04
STAN HOUSTON EQUIP	SUPPLIES	144.00
HD SUPPLY	REPAIR/TOOLS	628.77
VERIZON BUSINESS	PHONE SERVICE	77.16
VERIZON WIRELESS	POLICE MOBILE BROADBAND	120.03
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE SERVICE	642.59
WESCO	REP & MAINT	3,053.55
WP LIBRARY FOUNDATION	SUPPLIES/BOOKS/DVD'S	596.76
WP LIGHT & WATER	UTILITIES	37,473.35
WP LIGHT & WATER	CASH ADV REIMBURSE	2,683.13
WP NEWS	PUBLICATION COSTS	432.45
WP RESCUE	AMBULANCE CHGS	1,100.00
WP TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	1,908.17
WOERNER'S GARBAGE SERVICE	SERVICE	267.00
AGRIVISION EQUIP GROUP	REP/MAINT EQUIP	534.62
AMC RIFLE RANGE	POLICE MEMBERSHIP/TRAINING	125.00
ASSOC FOR RURAL LIBRARIES	LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP	80.00
AXON ENTERPRISE	TASERS	852.39
B & D DIAMOND PRO	PARK SUPPLIES	512.00
COLONIAL RESEARCH	SUPPLIES	723.14
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT	POLICE TRAINING	405.50
CUMING COUNTY SHERIFF	POLICE SERVICE	37.00
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINT	SUPPLIES	4,258.80
FASTENAL	SUPPLIES	165.08
GLOCK	POLICE SUPPLIES	83.00
GPM	SUPPLIES	158.00
HYDRO OPTIMIZATION & AUTOMATIO	REPAIR	11.25
ANGELA KIENBAUM	SERVICE	429.00
NALCO COMPANY	REP/MAINT	2,587.87

NE STATE PATROL	POLICE SERVICE	187.50
NORFOLK AREA SHOPPER	POLICE AD	111.05
NORFOLK DAILY NEWS	POLICE AD	151.70
NORTHEAST INSTANT RAIN	SERVICE	577.93
OMAHA WORLD HERALD	SUBSCRIPTION	504.19
AUSTIN PEATROWSKY	POLICE TRAIN/TRAVEL	683.82
PETERSON BODY & PAINT	SUPPLIES	420.00
PORT-A-JOHNS	RESTROOM RENTAL	150.00
DESERT SNOW	POLICE TRAINING	1,298.00
SEWER EQUIPMENT	REPAIR/EQUIP	401.95
DEB YOSTEN	TRAINING/MEALS	80.71
LINCOLN MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER	TRAIN/TRAVEL	756.50
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	INS PREMIUM	2,086.42
LEWIS AG	APPRAISAL	500.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY	SERVICE	863.59

The Mayor opened a public hearing to rezone Lots 5 and 6, in Block 8, in Coburn's Addition the City of West Point, Cuming County, Nebraska. The Planning Commission was forwarding a favorable recommendation. All parties were given an opportunity to be heard. No one appeared to speak in opposition of the the rezoning and no correspondence had been filed. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Stokely introduced Ordinance No. 1439 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA, AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 1401 TO REZONE THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT (R-1) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-2); REPEAL 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,

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Smith seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Hugo. Statutory rule suspended. Buse moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Swenson. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Hugo. Ordinance adopted.

The City Administrator explained that West Point's Economic Development Certified Community Program Recertification provides the City some economic development opportunities. The last certification being in 2017. Christine Rasmussen, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, did a presentation. She along with Vanessa McCain and David Branch, Cuming County Economic Development, presented a plaque to the Mayor and Council. David Branch also did a quick update on upcoming activities.

The Council reviewed the request of Ed Bracht for the conveyance of a 1.76 acre tract located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 6, East of the 6th PM, Cuming County, Nebraska (a survey of which is attached hereto), which property is located within the city one-mile jurisdiction. In order to do so, a variance from the subdivision regulations is needed. The City Administrator advised that the Planning Commission was forwarding a favorable recommendation. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Stokely to authorize a variance from the requirements of the Subdivision Ordinance 1402 and waiving the subdivision platting of a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 6, East of the 6th PM, Cuming County, Nebraska. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Buse and seconded by Penrose to accept the 2024 Title III-B Supportive Services Agreement, the Title III-C Nutrition Services Agreement and the Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Agreement with Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging for the Sunshine Citizens Center. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Executive Director of the West Point Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Council and presented the quarterly report on the Chamber's economic development activities. It was moved by Smith and seconded to Swenson to accept the report and approve the payment of \$5,000 for services April-June, 2023. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Dave Peterson with JEO Consulting Group appeared before the Council to update the Council on the scope of services in the demolition of old generators and the acquisition and installation of new generators. The scope of services and fees were reviewed. Following discussion, it was moved by Smith and seconded by Swenson that the city proceed with the generation project and permitting and approves the scope and fee for this project and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with JEO Consulting Group. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Stokely, seconded by Penrose to approve the following application for a Special Designated Liquor Permit under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act:

- (a) Win or Lose We Still Booze LLC dba Rush's Liquor Store, for a Knights of Columbus Fry in July on July 26, 2023 at GACC Cafeteria from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Buse, seconded by Smith, to approve the claim of Hugo Plumbing & Heating for services and supplies in the amount of \$1,268.15. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse and Smith. Nay: None. Abstain: Hugo. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Stokely, to hold a workshop for the 2023-2024 budget on Wednesday, July 26th at 5:30 PM. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Swenson introduced Ordinance No. 1440 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA ADOPTING A PAY PLAN FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND ALL EMPLOYEES; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1431 AND ALL OTHER MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM,

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Smith seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Statutory rule suspended. Swenson moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Buse. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Ordinance adopted.

Buse introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the City of West Point, Nebraska, to approve Application/Payment No. 9 in the amount of \$533,949.46 to Christiansen Construction Company for the West Point Aquatic Center Project and authorize the City Clerk to make payment.

Stokely seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith.

Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Next Stokely introduced a resolution for the appointment of Director and Alternate Director to MEAN Board of Directors, MEAN Management and MEAN Members Council and moved its adoption:

1. The City Council of the City of West Point, State of Nebraska, hereby duly appoints Tom Goulette, City Administrator, to serve as director to represent the City of West Point on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN).
2. The City Council of the City of West Point, State of Nebraska, hereby duly appoints Ron Doggett, Utilities Supervisor, to serve as alternate director to represent the City of West Point on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of West Point, Nebraska, that:

1. The City Council of the City of West Point, State of Nebraska, does hereby appoint Tom Goulette as the representative of the City of West Point to the Member's Council of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool.
2. The City Council of the City of West Point, State of Nebraska, does hereby appoint Ron Doggett, as the alternate representative of the City of West Point to the Member's Council of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool.

Smith seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Smith, to adjourn at 6:36 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.