

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 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, located at 444 S. Main Street, West Point, Nebraska.

Present were: Mayor Bruce A. Schlecht; Councilmembers: Emma Stokely, Ryan Penrose, Tom Swenson, Mark Buse, Jerry Hugo, and Rusty Smith. Absent: None. A quorum being present and the meeting duly commenced the following proceeds were had and done.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and publicly 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 Swenson, seconded by Smith, to approve the following consent agenda:

1. City appointed volunteer boards and commissions: Nielsen Community Center Advisory Board – appointment of Gina Holtz to fill the unexpired term of Carla Streff.
2. Fire & rescue departments – accept the resignation of Kyle Olson from the West Point Volunteer Fire Dept.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Claims.
6. Approve the appointment of Thomas Morrison and Taylor Sauser as Police Officers for the West Point Police Dept.

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

CLAIMS		
	PAYROLL	158,531.93
Western Area Power Administration	ELEC POWER	9,450.96
Hugo Plumbing & Heating	REPAIR/SERVICE	5,643.27
Central Valley Ag	POLICE FUEL	401.24
WAGNER TIRE & REPAIR LLC	FUEL/REPAIR	612.87
Black Hills Energy	GAS SERVICE	1,276.71
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	SALES TAX	31,728.12
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	COMM CNTR SALES TAX	204.48
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	PARK LODGING TAX 2021	287.04
Chamber of Commerce	4TH QTR EC DEV SERVICES	5,000.00
City Payroll Tax Fund	EMPLOYER FICA	6,101.73
ASCENSUS LLC	RETIREMENT	3,612.49
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	FUEL/SERVICE	805.75
TAYLOR OIL COMPANY, INC.	FUEL	2,064.15
Cuming County Public Power	ELEC POWER	111.71
NEBRAKA DEPT OF ECONOMIC DEV.	HOUSING REHAB FUND PAYMENT	2,904.17
NEBRAKA DEPT OF ECONOMIC DEV.	REVOLVING LOAN FUND PAYMNT	6,397.00

Municipal Energy Agency of	ELEC POWER	317,216.68
City Payroll Tax Fund	EMPLOYER FICA	6,224.13
ASCENSUS LLC	RETIREMENT	3,564.92
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	INSURANCE	1,612.46
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	REPAIR/SUPPLIES	1,373.79
Barco Municipal Products	STREET SUPPLIES	642.54
Black Hills Energy	GAS SERVICE	1,623.02
Bomgaars Supply	SUPPLIES	430.94
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	REPAIR/SUPPLIES	524.23
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	RESCUE SUPPLIES	4,186.02
BRACHT LAW	ELEC PROF. SERVICE	50.00
Cardmember Service	SERVICE	2,565.11
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	1,045.44
COBRAHELP	ADMIN 1ST QTR 2022 PREMIUM	84.00
Constellation NewEnergy	GAS SERVICE	3,176.17
Cuming County Public Power	ELEC WHEELING CHG	5,648.72
Dinslage Small Engine	REPAIR/SERVICE	67.49
KNOCK OUT PRINT AND DESIGN	SUPPLIES	1,830.32
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	39.58
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO	SERVICE	1,128.00
ELITE COMPUTERS	SERVICE/SUPPLIES	529.00
Gale/CENGAGE Learning	LIBRARY BOOKS	237.26
Gall's Inc.	POLICE UNIFORM EXPENSE	40.22
L. P. Gill Inc.	SAN TIPPING FEE	10,341.24
Gill Hauling	SAN HAULING FEE	3,930.39
Graybeal's Food	SUPPLIES	256.14
Hawkins Inc.	WTR TRT SUPPLIES	1,505.41
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	1,075.25
Ingram Library Services	LIBRARY BOOKS	926.24
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	STRT PROF. SERVICE	4,738.75
Jackson Services Inc.	UNIFORM/SERVICE	912.28
John A. Stahl Library	POSTAGE/SUPPLIES	111.33
League of NE Municipalities	ELEC ANNUAL CONFERENCE	421.00
LESLIE'S POOLMART INC.	SWR TRT SUPPLIES	1,949.58
LOFFLER COMPANIES	SUPPLIES	89.00
LOGEMANN AUTO PARTS	STRT REPAIR/SUPPLIES	151.36
MAHASKA	COMM CNTR SUPPLIES	318.26
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC.	RESCUE SUPPLIES	225.81
MicroMarketing LLC	LIBRARY AUDIO BOOKS	439.43
Midwest Laboratories	SWR SERVICE	99.35
Midwest Tape	LIBRARY DVDS	168.68
Municipal Supply Inc.	WTR DIST REPAIR/SUPPLIES	4,365.82
Nebraska Library Commission	LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION	1,192.04
Nebraska Public Health	WTR DIST SERVICE	78.00
Nebraska Public Power District	ELEC SERVICE	67.50
NEBRASKA VET SERVICES	POLICE SERVICE	200.00
North American Truck & Trailer	POLICE SERVICE	377.85
OCLC, INC.	LIBRARY SERVICE	137.25
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	SERVICE	80.68
Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk	POLICE SERVICE/TRANSMITTER	130.50
PRESTO X	PEST CONTROL SERVICE	406.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA	POSTAGE	600.00
Quality Printing & Supplies	SUPPLIES	579.50
Quick Med Claims	RESCUE SERVICES	1,783.76

S2 ROLL-OFFS LLC	PARK GARBAGE SERVICE	260.00
HEREFORD WORKS LLC dba	SERVICE/SUPPLIES	432.52
St. Joseph's Hillside Villa	SR CNTR MEAL SERVICE	3,757.00
Schmader Electric	ELEC SERVICE	8,360.00
Seals and Service Inc.	STRT REPAIR/SUPPLIES	32.00
SKYWAVE WIRELESS INC.	SERVICE	134.05
Sparklight	COMM CNTR SERVICE	33.00
Special Roads Fund	MECHANIC SERVICES	104.25
STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT CO	STRT SUPPLIES	130.00
Verizon Business	PHONE SERVICE	98.45
VERIZON WIRELESS	POLICE MOBILE BROADBAND	120.03
VERIZON WIRELESS	LIBRARY SERVICE/CELL SERVICE	848.51
VRBICKY COMPUTER SERVICE	LIBRARY SERVICE	475.75
WEST POINT LIBRARY FOUNDATION	LIBRARY SUPPLIES CASH ADV	895.16
West Point Light and Water	UTILITIES	38,041.53
West Point Light & Water	CASH ADV	2,120.38
West Point News	ADMIN PUBLICATION FEE	264.73
West Point Rescue	AMBULANCE	1,000.00
WEST POINT TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	506.68
WOERNER'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE SERVICE	267.00
ABDO-SPOTLIGHT-MAGIC WAGON	LIBRARY BOOKS	690.40
JAMILETH ALVARADO	POLICE INTERPRETER	150.00
ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION	MEMBERSHIP DUES	15.00
AIR REGULATIONS CONSULTING	ELEC. SERVICE	1,312.50
COLONIAL RESEARCH	STREET SUPPLIES	160.65
DELL MARKETING	LIBRARY COMPUTERS	2,230.41
DIVERSIFIED METAL FABRICATORS	SUPPLIES	1,340.00
DONNER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP.	STREET SERVICE	45.00
FRANCISCAN HEALTHCARE	SR CNTR SUPPLIES	234.28
HYDRO OPTIMIZATION & AUTOMATIO	WTR TRT REPAIR/SERVICE	1,145.00
INTOXIMETERS, INC.	POLICE SUPPLIES	203.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	POLICE UNIFORM EXPENSE	114.89
CHRIS KREIKEMEIER	COMM CNTR TRAVEL EXPENSE	23.20
MARY JANES FARM	LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION	19.95
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	POLICE SUPPLIES	100.00
MODERN MARKETING	POLICE SUPPLIES	1,961.82
NE DEPT ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY	SWR ADMIN/RENEWAL FEE #0972	150.00
NE LOESS HILLS RC&D COUNCIL	MEMBERSHIP DUES	200.00
NETWORK PARTNERS, INC.	POLICE SERVICE	77.50
NORFOLK DAILY NEWS	COMM CNTR AD	47.50
NORTHEAST COMM COLLEGE	RESCUE TRAINING	785.00
OMAHA WORLD HERALD	POLICE AD	130.35
MARIA SCHINSTOCK	POLICE INTERPRETER	25.00
SUNSHINE CENTER	SR CNTR REIMBURSEMENT	77.11

The Mayor then opened a public hearing on the request of Travis Schwarz for a special use permit to allow for a home base Federal firearms license as a home occupation business, located within a Residential Single Family District at 407 E. Neligh Street. Travis Schwarz was present to answer any concerns of the Council. The City Administrator advised that the Planning Commission

was forwarding a favorable recommendation. Buse introduced a resolution that a Special Use Permit be granted to allow for the operation of a home base Federal firearms license (legal transfer of firearms) as a home occupation business at 407 E. Neligh Street located within the Residential Single Family District. Smith seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Mary Jo Mack, Library Director, appeared before the Council and presented the annual report on the John A. Stahl Library. She also reported on a new project the library was working on which is a Story Walk. This will probably be along the walking trail in Neligh Park. As you stroll down the trail, you are directed to the next page of a story. The Library has partnered with the local Optimists on this project. She also stated the Library has received a \$9,000 Emergency Connectivity Grant which is still being finalized.

The Mayor then stated that it was necessary for the Council to give consideration to calling an election and submitting to the voters of the City at such election a proposition regarding an increase to the City's existing sales and use tax. The increase would be for funding a new municipal swimming pool. Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson was present to answer any questions. After discussion, Swenson offered the following resolution and moved for its passage and adoption:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION ON MAY 10, 2022 REGARDING A PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE A ONE-HALF PERCENT (0.50%) SALES AND USE TAX, IN ADDITION TO THE CITY'S EXISTING ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX (1.50%), ON THE SAME TRANSACTIONS WITHIN THE CITY ON WHICH THE STATE IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX, AND TO INCREASE THE CITY'S BUDGETED RESTRICTED FUNDS, FOR THE FINANCING, REFINANCING, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPPING, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, INCLUDING PLEDGING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE RECEIPTS FROM SUCH TAX TO THE REPAYMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

The foregoing Resolution having been read, Penrose seconded the motion for its passage and adoption. After consideration, the following members voted in favor of the passage and adoption of said Resolution: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. The following members voted against the same: None. The following members were absent or did not vote: None. Said Resolution

having been voted upon favorably by at least 70% of the Councilmembers, the same was, by the Mayor, declared passed and adopted.

The Council then considered the request from Kyle Grovijohn to change the restricted parking on the north side of Grove Street west of the intersection of Main Street to the alley from 2-hour parking to 18-hour parking. Following discussion, Smith introduced a resolution that the two-hour parking restriction be changed to 18-hour parking on the north side of Grove Street from the intersection of Main and Grove Streets west to the alley between Main and Mill Streets; and that this Resolution shall be in force as soon as the 2-Hour Parking signs can be replaced with 18-hour Parking signs. Stokely seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss funding part of the Neligh Park Inclusive Playground Project that Franciscan Healthcare Rehab Department was doing. Mayor Schlecht stated he talked to Christine Hutchinson with the Rehab Department on this and she informed him that at this time they have all the funds needed to complete the project. After discussion, the Council decided to table the matter at this time and see what future needs might be.

The City Administrator advised the Council that Casey Lund has requested to renew his lease for the land east by the wastewater treatment plant, being approximately 9 acres. He intends to plant hay or alfalfa and the past rent was \$150 per acre. It was moved by Hugo and seconded by Buse to renew the Lease Agreement between the City and Casey Lund for one year with cash rent in the sum of \$1,350.00 for 9 acres and authorizing the Mayor to sign said lease. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the budget of the Sunshine Center for fiscal year 2023 to be submitted to the Area Agency. It was moved by Stokely, seconded by Penrose, to approve the budget for fiscal year 2023 to be submitted to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Stokely, seconded by Smith, to approve the following applications for Special Designated Liquor Permit:

- (a) GACC Booster Club for Fundraiser on February 19, 2022.
- (b) GACC Booster Club for Alumni Basketball/Volleyball Tournament on March 25 & 26, 2022.

- (c) GACC Booster Club for Fundraiser on April 22, 2022.
- (d) Rush's Liquor Store for the West Point Community Theatre Production on March 25, 26 & 27, 2022.
- (e) Rush's Liquor Store for the West Point Community Theatre Production on April 1 & 2, 2022.
- (f) Fraternal Order of Eagles, for the Chamber of Commerce Partners in Progress Supper on February 20, 2022.
- (g) Fraternal Order of Eagles for the Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation Supper on March 22, 2022.
- (h) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 2, 2022.
- (i) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 4, 2022.
- (j) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 11, 2022.
- (k) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 18, 2022.
- (l) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 25, 2022.
- (m) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on April 1, 2022.
- (n) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on April 8, 2022.
- (o) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on April 15, 2022.

Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, 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 \$2,879.84. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Hugo. Motion carried.

Councilmember Stokely presented her resignation to the Council for consideration. She stated that she accepted a job in Omaha and would be moving there. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Penrose to accept said resignation. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Stokely. Motion carried.

The City Administrator reported that the Park Board is in a restructuring process and that a fulltime park manager was budgeted. The Board has now decided to do it a bit differently. Duane Wiechman and Doug Moritz would be hired as foremen for the summer. Then to contract with Trent Kaup on a part-time basis to manage the parks especially at Timmerman Park for more supervision of the staff there. Also, for the staff to help at Mount Hope Cemetery with the mowing and trimming.

Moved by Stokely, seconded by Smith, to adjourn at 6:00 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC
City Clerk