

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 P.M. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 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, Jerry Hugo, and Rusty Smith. Absent: None.

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 Hugo, seconded by Smith, to approve the following consent agenda:

1. City appointed volunteer boards and commissions:
 - (a) Planning Commission: reappointment of Mike Bailey, Jolene Peatrowsky and Harlyn VanderGriend (3-year terms).
 - (b) Nielsen Community Center Advisory Board: reappointment of Gina Holtz and Kevin Larson (4-year terms).
 - (c) Library Board: reappointment of Melissa Nielsen and Al Courser (4-year terms).
 - (d) Employee Retirement Plan Personnel Committee: appointment of three city employees: Mark Benne, Patty Schinstock, and Dennis Wordekemper.
2. Fire & rescue departments – accept the membership of Stephen Havlovec to West Point Volunteer Fire Dept, Co. #2.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Claims.

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

CLAIMS		
	PAYROLL	168,697.90
CITY PAYROLL TAX FUND	EMPLOYER FICA	6,708.22
ASCENSUS LLC	RETIREMENT	4,051.01
WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINI	ELEC POWER	8,384.24
PETROMART	SR CIT FUEL	39.02
SPARKLIGHT	SERVICE	393.00
HUGO PLUMBING & HEATING	REPAIR/SERVICE	4,428.43
CENTRAL VALLEY AG	POLICE FUEL	1,345.25
SAPPS	FUEL SERVICE	777.09
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	EC DEV SERVICE	5,000.00
WAGNER TIRE & REPAIR LLC	FUEL SERVICE	3,479.39
TAYLOR OIL COMPANY, INC.	FUEL SERVICE	239.25

CCLB THOR, LLC	LB 840 EC DEV GRANT	70,000.00
THE EXPANSE TEAM, INC	LB 840 EC DEV GRANT	70,000.00
NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	31,258.66
NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE	PARK SALES TAX	1.09
NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	142.04
BROCKMANN INSURANCE, LLC	LB 840 EC. DEV. GRANT	5,000.00
CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWE	ELEC POWER	116.08
CITY PAYROLL TAX FUND	EMPLOYER FICA	6,374.18
ASCENSUS LLC	RETIREMENT	3,494.95
MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY O	ELEC POWER	319,706.22
BCBS OF NEBRASKA	HEALTH INS	60,540.20
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	LIFE INS	1,765.25
OAK BARN BEEF, LLC	LB 840 EC DEV GRANT	45,000.00
AUTO VALUE PARTS	REPAIR/SUPPLIES	944.46
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	REPAIR/SUPPLIES	812.42
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES	ELEC SUPPLIES	2,749.89
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	RESCUE SUPPLIES	1,565.65
BRACHT LAW	PROF SERVICES	185.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SERVICE/SUPPLIES	2,640.51
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	1,029.90
COBRAHELP	PREMIUM	84.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY	GAS SERVICE	2,628.88
CORE & MAIN LP	WATER METERS	949.22
CORE HEALTH CLUB, LLC	POLICE TRNG AND TRAVEL	273.00
CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWE	ELEC PROD WHEELING	5,648.72
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	WTR TRT SUPPLIES	318.00
DINSLAGE SMALL ENGINE	PARK SERV	35.57
DUTTON LAINSON CO.	ELEC DIST SUPPLIES	1,822.24
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/REPAIR	187.71
ELITE COMPUTERS	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	761.00
ENGELMEYER REPAIR LLC	PARK SUPPLIES	38.28
ERNESTI TREE SERVICE	PARK SERVICE	1,818.00
FLOOR MAINTENANCE	SUPPLIES	442.99
THE GALE GROUP	LIBRARY BOOKS	216.90
GALL'S INC.	POLICE UNIFORMS/CAMERAS	1,812.70
GERHOLD CONCRETE COMPANY	SUPPLIES	399.44
L. P. GILL INC.	SAN TIPPING FEE	9,444.24
GRAINGER	REPAIR/SUPPLIES	217.52
GRAYBEAL'S FOOD	SUPPLIES	126.59
HAWKINS INC.	WTR TRT SUPPLIES	1,765.65
HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	948.05
INGRAM	LIBRARY BOOKS	1,113.26
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	PROF SERVICES	16,148.75
JACKSON SERVICES INC.	UNIFORM SERVICE	876.66
JOHN A. STAHL LIBRARY	CASH ADV/POSTAGE	115.85
LEISURE LAWN CARE	PARK CONTRACT SERV	1,875.00
LESLIE'S POOLMART INC.	SEWER SUPPLIES	4,655.76
LOU'S SPORTING GOODS	SCOREBOARDS	30,000.00
MAHASKA	COMM CTR CONCESSIONS	680.13
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC.	RESCUE SUPPLIES	291.91

MICROMARKETING LLC	LIBRARY BOOKS	616.91
MIDWEST TAPE	LIBRARY AUDIO BOOKS	146.68
MORROW, DAVIES & TOELLE,	AUDIT SERVICES	22,000.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH	WATER SERVICE	112.00
NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER	ELEC DUES/PROF	2,485.00
NEBRASKA VET SERVICES	POLICE SERV	200.00
NORTHEAST NE ECONOMIC DEV	SERVICE	4,997.62
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	WTR/ELEC SERVICE	92.67
PRESTO X	LIBRARY SERVICE	71.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA	POSTAGE	600.00
QUALITY PRINTING & SUPPLI	SUPPLIES	818.40
QUICK MED CLAIMS	RESCUE SERVICE	1,340.62
S2 ROLL-OFFS LLC	PARK SERVICE	260.00
S & W WELDING INC.	STREET SUPPLY	16.05
ST. JOSEPH'S HILLSIDE VIL	SR CIT MEALS	4,316.00
SCANTRON	SUPPLIES	693.00
SCHMADER ELECTRIC	ELEC SERVICE	21,737.50
SKYWAVE WIRELESS INC.	SERVICE	134.05
SPECIAL ROADS FUND	MECH CHARGES	237.42
STALP GRAVEL	STREET SUPPLY	793.03
USA BLUE BOOK	SWR/WTR SUPPLIES	277.78
VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	100.57
VERIZON BROADBAND	POLICE MOBILE BROADBAND	120.03
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE SERV	598.18
WEST POINT DESIGN INC.	STREET SERVICE	196.09
WEST POINT LIBRARY FOUND	LIBRARY CASH ADV	953.89
WEST POINT LIGHT & WATER	UTILITIES	32,436.87
WEST POINT LIGHT & WATER	CASH ADVANCE	1,901.74
WEST POINT NEWS	PUBLICATION COSTS	1,961.15
WEST POINT RESCUE	AMBULANCE CHARGES	1,000.00
WEST POINT TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	358.39
WOERNER'S GARBAGE SERVICE	SERVICE	267.00
AGRIVISION	STRT REPAIR/SERVICE	498.05
ARMS & AMMO	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	579.00
ASE REMODEL LLC	SERVICE	113.42
BARKING DOG INTERPRETIVE	LIBRARY EQUIPMENT	4,653.00
BIRDS & BLOOMS	LIBRARY BOOKS	10.00
THOMAS BLACK	TRAVEL EXPENSE	17.55
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIB	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	378.16
COLONIAL RESEARCH	STREET SUPPLIES	602.04
CUMING CO INDUSTRIES, LLC	SEWER SUPPLIES	387.60
DON'S PIONEER UNIFORMS	POLICE UNIFORMS	29.68
FIREGUARD, INC.	FIRE SERVICE	120.00
FRANCISCAN HEALTHCARE	SR CIT SUPPLIES	231.48
GREAT PLAINS NURSERY	PARK TREES	3,017.50
JACK'S UNIFORMS	POLICE UNIFORMS	335.88
JOHNSON SERVICE CO.	SERVICE	25,900.00
ANGELA KIENBAUM	LIBRARY SERVICE	49.00
BRITTANY LARSEN	POOL REIMB OPR CERT	40.00
NE RURAL WATER ASSOC.	WTR TRT TRAINING	300.00

NE STATE FIRE MARSHALL	THEATRE SERVICE	72.00
NEI-TURNER MEDIA GROUP	COMM CENTER AD	650.00
PETERSON BODY & PAINT	STREET REPAIR	32.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATI	FIRE SERVICE	567.89
RADARSIGN, LLC	POLICE EQUIP	7,453.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY	FIRE SERVICE	726.75
SEED ENTERPRISES	PARK SUPPLIES	155.00
SIFFRING LANDSCAPING	TREES/LANDSCAPING	1,389.91
STRACHAN SALES, INC.	COMM CENTER SERV	1,233.94
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	POLICE AMMO	956.10
THE WALLING COMPANY	SEWER SUPPLIES	434.60
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL	ELEC SERVICE	5,912.50

The Council then considered the bids for the catered meals at the Senior Citizens Center. The only bid received was from St. Joseph's Elder Services, Inc. with the cost per meal increasing to \$7.75. The current cost is \$6.50. It was stated that the Center does receive funding from the Nielsen Foundation to help supplement the cost of meals. Swenson introduced a resolution to accept the bid of St. Joseph's Elder Services, Inc. to provide catered meals for the Senior Citizens Center at a rate of \$7.75 per meal for the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Buse seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Tom Stratman, Fire Chief, gave the annual report for the West Point Volunteer Fire Department. He reported they responded to 91 calls, (16 grass/hay fires; 24 car accidents; 12 structure fires; 14 false alarms; 12 others-life assists, pole fires, spotters, etc). 300 burn permits were issued. Calls were up from 80 the previous year. Fire department consists of 39 members. They had approximately 1600 service hours and 1400 training hours. There is no VIN number on the new truck that was ordered which means it is not yet being built.

Roger Paus of the Road Gems, appeared before the Council concerning the West Point Car Show which will be on Sunday, September 18, 2022. Last year the car show was streamlined and moved off Main Street to around the Nielsen Center and Neligh Park. Their request was as follows:

1. That the Road Gems have control of the Nielsen Center and surrounding streets and parking lots, including Anna Stalp Avenue, 2 blocks of north Mill Street and the paved roads on the eastern portion of Neligh Park.
2. The closing of Anna Stalp Avenue from Main Street to Neligh Park, Mill Street

- from Bridge Street to Washington Street, Decatur Street from the alley to Mill Street and the park roads from the swimming pool to Washington Street.
3. That Road Gems have control of the vending and sales within these event areas.
 4. That the City provide portable toilets for the event (up to \$1,000.00)
 5. That the City provide financial assistance to promote the car show in the amount of \$2,500.00.

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Swenson to approve the request of the Road Gems for the West Point Car Show on September 18, 2022. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Next the Council considered a request from Keith Backer for the subdivision of real estate located in Lorenzen's Replat and Subdivision, (being a replat of Lot 2 of Addition "E" and subdivision of a portion of West Point Industrial Tract North, both Additions to the City of West Point, Cuming County, Nebraska). Stokely introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA TO APPROVE THE SUBDIVISION OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

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

The City Administrator advised that new scoreboards have been purchased for the Timmerman Park ballfields and it is desired to dispose of the old scoreboards (4). Swenson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA, SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAME.

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

Franciscan Healthcare Rehabilitation Department is doing an Inclusive Playground Project in Neligh Park being totally funded with donations and grants. Ashley Strehle, with the Franciscan Healthcare Rehab Department, appeared before the Council and requested funding for a sidewalk from the northwest corner of the inclusive playground equipment to the restrooms at an estimated cost of \$3,375.00. Moved by Smith and seconded by Stokely that the City pay for the cost of this

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

The Council considered the request from West Point Chamber of Commerce for the City's continued assistance for the annual July 4th fireworks display. The request was for \$5,000.00. Smith moved to contribute the amount of \$5,000 for the July 4th fireworks display and Stokely seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: Swenson. Motion carried.

Moved by Stokely, seconded by Smith, to approve the following applications for Special Designated Liquor Permits under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act:

- (a) Graybeals Foods for West Point-Beemer High School Alumni Banquet on May 28, 2022 at the Nielsen Center.
- (b) GACC JayFest Fundraiser on June 3, 2022 at the Nielsen Center.
- (c) Petro Mart for the GACC Alumni Banquet on June 4, 2022 at the Nielsen Center.

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

Moved by Smith, seconded by Buse, to approve the claim of Hugo Plumbing & Heating for services and supplies in the amount of \$1,014.71. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Hugo. Motion carried.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Stokely, to adjourn at 6:02 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC
City Clerk