

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 7:00 o'clock P.M. on January 3, 2012 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building in West Point, Nebraska.

Present were: Mayor Johnson; Councilmembers: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Schlecht, Hugo, and Grovijohn. Absent: None.

The Mayor 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.

Moved by Ell, seconded by Schlecht, to approve the following consent agenda:

1. City appointed volunteer boards and commissions.
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Claims.
5. Accept the resignation of Jason Prinz from West Point Volunteer Fire Dept. Company #2.
6. Approve payment to Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District in the amount of \$853.86 for Housing Rehab for administrative services.

Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Payroll		180,330.48
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	4,544.91
Fremont Natl Bank and Trust	Retirement Contributions	2,229.17
Hugo Plumbing & Heating	Serv/Supplies	2,808.08
Sapp Bros.	Service	422.20
Rutjens Construction Inc.	Storm Water Pumping Station	82,871.04
Central Valley Ag	Service	892.27
PetroMart	Service	177.76
Western Area Power Administration	Power	11,245.37
Inspro Ins.	Premium	206,612.00
Truck Equipment Inc.	Bucket Truck	76,624.00
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	4,701.61
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	Health Ins.	42,270.26
Fremont Natl Bank and Trust	Retirement Contributions	2,261.36
Black Hills Energy	Service	64.29
Constellation Energy	Service	120.06
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax	13,968.57
Sapp Bros.	Service	1,381.78

MEAN/NMPP	Power	161,896.58
Companion Life	Life Ins.	258.64
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	4,761.58
Fremont Natl Bank and Trust	Retirement Contributions	2,135.36
Alco	Supplies	30.48
Barco Municipal Products	Supplies	296.97
Bomgaars Supply	Supplies	272.46
Cardmember Service	Service	533.02
Century Link	Service	1,129.47
Chamber of Commerce	Prof Services	1,450.00
Cuming County Rural Water	Service	32.00
Cuming County Public Power	Wheeling Service	5,424.79
Danko Emergency Equipment	Supplies	332.07
Dinklage Medical Clinic	Service	25.00
Dutton Lainson Co.	Supplies	445.90
Engelhardt TV	Serv/Supplies	236.67
Floor Maintenance	Supplies	794.27
Franciscan Care Services	Meal Service	2,493.50
The Gale Group	Books	244.06
L.P. Gill Inc.	Tipping Fee	8,126.04
Gill Hauling	Hauling Fee	3,203.54
Gilmore & Associates	Prof Services	796.00
Graybeal's Food	Supplies	80.10
Great Plains One Call	Service	55.74
HD Supply Waterworks	Meters/Supplies	6,716.23
Hasler Total Funds	Postage	600.00
Hawkins Inc.	Supplies	490.02
Ingram	Books	1,305.49
Inspro Ins.	Premium	530.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Uniform Service	963.66
John A Stahl Library	Cash Adv	92.01
Kindschuh Brothers	Service	1,228.64
Kriz Davis Co.	Supplies	1,350.64
Leisure Lawn Care	Service	3,188.47
Mail Finance	Service	260.88
Meyer Electric	Service	327.06
MicroMarketing LLC	Books	650.26
Midwest Labs	Service	60.31
Midwest Tape	Supplies	809.68
Moore Medical Corp.	Supplies	481.95
Nebraska Vet Services	Service	193.50
OfficeNet	Serv/Supplies	109.10
Pamida	Supplies	19.80
The Penworthy Co.	Books	650.20
Quality Printing	Supplies	935.41

Quartermaster	Supplies	441.67
Schmader Electric	Service	6,100.00
Sila Environmental Systems	Service	295.00
Skywave Wireless	Service	297.00
Smidt's Sanitation	Service	177.00
Special Roads Fund	Mechanic Chgs	770.52
State Public Health Environmental Lab	Service	55.00
Stigge Machine & Supply	Supplies	110.53
USA Blue Book	Supplies	253.76
Verizon Business	Service	59.37
Verizon Wireless	Service	388.85
Welch Law Firm	Prof Services	724.30
West Point Home Center	Supplies	931.35
West Point Implement	Supplies	146.96
West Point Library Foundation	Cash Adv	146.91
WPLW	Service	19,619.40
WPLW Operating Fund	Cash Adv	1,594.87
West Point News	Publ Costs	126.23
West Point Rescue	Ambl Chgs/Cash Adv	370.50
Yosten's True Value	Supplies	673.77
Black Hills Ammunition	Supplies	2,616.00
Cummins Central Power	Service	755.92
Dave's Drycleaning	Service	21.00
DEMCO, Inc.	Supplies	116.35
ECHO Group, Inc.	Supplies	1,810.20
Electronic Contracting Co.	Supplies	338.33
Elite Computers	Supplies	419.85
Gaylord Bros.	Supplies	609.83
Grainger	Supplies	1,030.87
Highsmith	Supplies	164.90
Large Print Overstocks	Books	63.04
Matthew Bender & Co.	Supplies	179.73
Meyer Building Co.	Supplies	200.00
MS Construction	Service	2,525.50
National Patent Analytical Systems	Supplies	91.14
NE Iowa Industrial Fasteners	Supplies	158.82
NE Rural Water Association	Membership	225.00
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	Training	175.00
OCLC, Inc.	Service	29.30
Police Chiefs Association of NE	Dues	30.00
R.C.Booth Enterprises	Books	16.00
REPCO Marketing Inc.	Supplies	98.25
Research Technology International	Supplies	394.95
United Communications	Service	156.26
UNO NE Clerk Institute	Registration	223.00

Vrbicky Computer Service	Service	75.00
West Point Design	Supplies	75.77
Black Hills Energy	Service	3,814.71
S & W Welding	Serv/Supplies	131.90
FireGuard	Supplies	357.53

Dr. Ted DeTurk, Superintendent of West Point Public Schools, appeared before the Council concerning the School's request to vacate College Street between Grove and Park Streets. The School District owns the property on both sides of College Street and the School District desires to sell the west half of the vacated street along with the adjacent lots to a developer for the construction of four houses. The School District would retain the ownership of the east half of the vacated street. In the past, the Council has vacated a street and sold the property to the adjacent property owners. If the Council were to use the same price per square foot as in the past, the price for the vacated College Street would be \$6,100.00. Councilmember Swenson stated he thought the property owners to the north (along Kaup Street) and to the west (along Park Street) should be notified of this possible vacation. Following discussion, it was decided that: (1) the School District and the City would write letters to the property owners to the north and west of College Street to notify them of the potential vacation of College Street; (2) Dr. DeTurk will discuss the selling price with the School Board; and (3) the matter will be placed on the agenda for the February Council meeting for further discussion and action.

The City desires to adopt an economic development program (LB 840) but first must prepare a proposed plan. The Council was given a proposed Economic Development Plan at the last meeting for their review and for further discussion at this meeting. The Economic Development Program would utilize funds derived from a local option sales tax. The City is considering imposing a 1/2% city sales tax, 50% of which would be used for the Economic Development Program. The Mayor asked for the Council's opinion and/or changes to the proposed plan. Following discussion, the proposed plan was completed and the Council scheduled a public hearing on the plan at the next City Council meeting, being February 2, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

The City Administrator advised the Council that because the State mandated municipalities to use licensed animal control facilities, the City has contracted with the Nebraska Veterinary Services to use their facility for the impounding of stray or abandoned animals. The current contract expired December 31, 2011 and a new contract has been negotiated. Moved by Paus, seconded by Ell, that the City accept the new contract with the Elkhorn Valley Veterinary Clinic for a two year term for the impounding of strayed animals. Motion carried.

The Mayor then announced her appointment of Tom Goulette as the City's representative on the West Point Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a three year term. Moved by Schlecht, seconded by Ell, to approve said appointment. Motion carried.

Moved by Paus and seconded by Grovijohn to approve the following applications for a Special Designated Liquor Permit under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act:

- (a) Rush's Liquor Store for West Point Community Theatre Fundraiser on Saturday, January 28, 2012.
- (b) Graybeal's Foods for St. Paul Lutheran School Fundraiser (Eagle Banquet) on Saturday, February 4, 2012.
- (c) Roadhouse Lounge for Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Awards Banquet Sunday, February 19, 2012.
- (d) Roadhouse Lounge for Nebraska Pork Producers Dinner and Awards Banquet on Monday, February 20, 2012.

Motion carried.

Moved by Paus, seconded by Swenson, to approve the claim of Hugo Plumbing & Heating for services and supplies in the amount of \$5395.05. Motion carried.

Moved by Hugo and seconded by Grovijohn, to reschedule the February council meeting to Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Moved by Ell, seconded by Schlecht to go into closed session at 7:56 PM to discuss the evaluation of the job performance of the City Administrator. Motion carried. The Mayor then restated for the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session was to discuss the evaluation of the job performance of the City Administrator. At 8:20 PM the Mayor announced that the closed session had ended and the Council was back in regular session.

Moved by Schlecht, seconded by Ell, to give the City Administrator a 2.5% merit raise

effective February 1, 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlecht, seconded by Grovijohn, to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC
City Clerk