

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

1. City appointed volunteer boards and commissions:
 - (a) Planning Commission: reappointment of David Hughes and Norma Emanuel (3-year terms).
 - (b) Nielsen Community Center Advisory Board: reappointment of Chris Peatrowsky and Roger Paus (4-year terms).
 - (c) Board of Adjustment: reappointment of Jason Minnick (3-year terms).
2. Fire & rescue departments – none.
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.

	PAYROLL	191,545.41
CITY PAYROLL TAX FUND	EMPLOYER FICA	7,247.23
ASCENSUS LLC	RETIRE CONTRIB	4,120.72
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	EC DEV SERV 01-03/23	5,000.00
HUGO PLUMBING & HEATING	SUPPLIES/REP/MAINT	26,074.29
WAGNER TIRE & REPAIR LLC	FUEL	3,078.47
CHRISTIANSEN CONSTRUCTION CO	POOL PROJECT PYMT #4	113,892.96
Western Area Power Administration	ELEC-POWER	9,756.14
CENTRAL VALLEY AG	POLICE FUEL	1,125.20
PETROMART	FUEL	331.32
CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER	ELEC-POWER	246.35
NORFOLK AREA SHOPPER	POLICE AD	333.15
NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	30,796.14
NORFOLK DAILY NEWS	POLICE AD	198.48
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	FUEL	1,228.12

NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	73.33
CITY PAYROLL TAX FUND	EMPLOYER FICA	7,551.19
ASCENSUS LLC	RETIRE CONTRIB	4,082.74
MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF	ELEC-POWER	315,817.30
BCBS OF NEBRASKA	HEALTH INS	45,534.11
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	INS PREMIUM	1,608.71
ADVANCED CONSULTING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,297.08
AQUATIC DESIGN CONSULTANTS, INC	POOL PROJECT ENGINEER	4,266.75
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	SUPPLIES/REP/MAINT	735.48
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	229.75
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	923.72
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLIES/REP/MAINT	1,913.97
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	REP/MAINT	2,884.44
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	ADMIN SERVICE	1,207.12
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	1,033.93
CORE HEALTH CLUB, LLC	POLICE TRAINING	234.00
CUMING COUNTY RURAL WATER	PARK SERVICE APRIL-JUNE	138.00
CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER	ELEC WHEELING	5,791.80
DAVE'S DRYCLEANING	MISC EXP	43.00
DINKLAGE MEDICAL CLINIC	POLICE SERVICE	438.00
DINSLAGE SMALL ENGINE	EQUIP REPAIR	90.15
DUTTON LAINSON CO	ELEC MATERIALS	9,879.27
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	LIBRARY SERVICE	109.45
ELITE COMPUTERS	SUPPLIES	213.00
ERNESTI TREE SERVICE	SERVICE	2,270.00
FLOOR MAINTENANCE	SUPPLIES	370.80
GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING	LIBRARY BOOKS	204.31
GALL'S INC	POLICE UNIFORMS	274.99
GERHOLD CONCRETE COMPANY INC.	REP/MAINT	534.69
L. P. GILL INC.	SAN-TIPPING FEE	8,992.10
GILL HAULING	SAN HAULING FEE	3,544.68
GRAINGER	REP/MAINT EQUIP	7,853.07
GRAYBEAL'S FOOD	SUPPLIES	125.84
HAWKINS INC.	WTR TRMT SUPPLIES	1,739.08
HEIMAN INC	FIRE-EQUIP/UNIFORMS	893.80
HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINT LTD	SUPPLIES	1,587.30
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	LIBRARY BOOKS	903.75
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	PROF SERVICE	510.00
JACKSON SERVICES INC.	UNIFORMS/SERVICE/SUPPLIES	1,193.37
JOHN A. STAHL LIBRARY	POSTAGE	167.10
LOGEMANN AUTO PARTS & MACHINE	SUPPLIES	397.69
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC.	RESCUE SUPPLIES	138.39
MICROMARKETING LLC	LIBRARY BOOKS/AUDIO	337.15

MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC	SWR TRMT SERVICE	205.47
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	LIBRARY BOOKS/AUDIO	149.17
MDT, LLC	AUDIT SERVICES	18,200.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH	LAB SERVICE	616.00
NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER POOL	ELEC DUES	2,485.00
NEBRASKA VET SERVICES	POLICE SERVICE	225.43
NORTHEAST NE ECONOMIC DEV	MEMBERSHIP FEES	4,620.00
OCLC, INC.	LIBRARY SERVICE	47.69
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	SERVICE	43.23
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	1,739.00
PRESTO X	PEST CONTROL	80.23
QUADIENT FINANCE USA	POSTAGE	599.58
Quick Med Claims	RESCUE SERVICES	652.32
S2 ROLL-OFFS LLC	PARK SERVICE	320.00
HEREFORD WORKS LLC dba	REP/MAINT	116.55
St. Joseph's Hillside Villa	SR CNTR MEALS	4,386.50
Schmader Electric	FIRE EQUIP/REP	1,087.00
Seals and Service Inc.	EQUIP REPAIR	16.00
SKYWAVE WIRELESS INC.	SERVICE	354.85
Special Roads Fund	EQUIP REP/MAINT	481.97
STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT CO	REP/SUPPLIES	275.50
HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINT LTD	EQUIP REP/MAINT	628.00
Verizon Business	PHONE SERVICE	82.30
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE SERVICE	752.10
VRBICKY COMPUTER SERVICE	LIBRARY SERVICE	227.50
Welch Law Firm P.C.	SERVICE	355.33
WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP	REP/MAINT	7,204.66
WEST POINT LIBRARY FOUNDATION	SUPPLIES	512.24
West Point Light and Water	ELEC/WTR/SWR	30,731.50
West Point Light & Water	SERVICE DEPOSITS	2,588.39
West Point News	PUBLICATION COSTS	2,189.16
West Point Rescue	FIRE EXPENSES	7,619.00
WEST POINT TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	374.92
911 CUSTOM	POLICE-NEW CRUISER	882.83
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GROUP	PARK REP/MAINT EQUIP	98.38
BEED ENTERPRISES	POLICE-SERVICE	200.00
BEST POINT DEVELOPMENT LLC	HOSTING FEE	480.00
CALLIES INDUSTRIES LLC	SUPPLIES	265.36
COLONIAL RESEARCH	SUPPLIES	723.23
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT	POLICE TRAINING EXP	10.75
GREAT PLAINS NURSERY	PARK-TREES	3,637.50
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	POLICE UNIFORMS	84.94
JENSEN PLUMBING & HEATING	SERVICE/REP/MAINT	400.75

JONES AUTOMOTIVE	POLICE-VEHICLE INTERIOR	1,358.41
ANGELA KIENBAUM	LIBRARY-SERVICE	90.75
CHRIS KREIKEMEIER	COMM CNTR NSAE LUNCHEON	30.00
BRITTANY LARSEN	POOL CERTIFICATION REIMBURSE	305.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	STREET REP/MAINT EQUIP	5,343.37
MC2, INC.	SWR TRMT SUPPLIES	7,199.14
MERCHANT JOB TRAINING	ELEC DIST-TRAINING	550.00
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	POLICE SERVICE	120.00
NE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	WTR TRMT TRAINING	300.00
NORFOLK DAILY NEWS	COMM CNTR AD	40.00
AUSTIN PEATROWSKY	POLICE MISC EXP	184.10
PETERSON BODY & PAINT	POLICE-NEW CRUISER	330.00
POSTMASTER	BOX FEE	332.00
S & W FENCE LLC	CITY SALES TAX-DOG PARK	22,810.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY	FIRE EQUIP (CITY'S HALF)	685.50
SAYLER SCREENPRINTING	POLICE TRAINING EXP	79.00
BRUCE SCHLECHT	PARK SUPPLIES	459.99
SEED ENTERPRISES	PARK SUPPLIES	289.02
SIFFRING LANDSCAPING	LIBRARY-MISC/FLOWER POTS	150.00
STEP 'N WASH, INC	EQUIPMENT	1,449.90
STRYKER SALES LLC.	RESCUE SUPPLIES	1,137.00
TRITON HYDROTOOLS	SWR COLL	329.90
ULTRA BRITE CARWASH	CARWASH TOKENS	200.00
BRETT VANCE	POLICE MAINT/REP	228.35
ZOLL MEDICAL CORP	RESCUE SUPPLIES	1,372.80
VERIZON WIRELESS	POLICE MOBILE BROADBAND	120.03
CONSTELLATION	GAS SERVICE	2,036.27

The Mayor opened a public hearing on determining a nuisance to be found at 1140 West Park Street. The City Administrator stated that the property owner had been given a permit to add living quarters to the storage building to conform to residential zoning. No progress has been made. Following discussion, Smith introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA, DETERMINING A NUISANCE TO BE FOUND AT 1140 WEST PARK STREET AND DIRECTING ABATEMENT OF SAME.

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

Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

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 \$8.25. The current cost is \$7.75. Following discussion, 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 accept the bid of St. Joseph's Elder Services, Inc. to provide catered meals for the Senior Citizens Center at a rate of \$8.25 per meal for the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Swenson 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. Fire department consists of 39 members. They had approximately 1500 training hours. He reported they responded to 116 calls. Calls were up from 91 the previous year. The calls consisted of 31 car accidents; 29 grass/field fires; 26 false alarms; 15 hazardous calls; 6 car fires; and 1 bin rescue. They had approximately 2100 service hours.

Roger Paus of the Road Gems, appeared before the Council concerning the West Point Car Show which will be on Sunday, September 17, 2023. 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.

Following discussion, it was moved by Swenson and seconded by Smith to approve the request of the Road Gems for the West Point Car Show on September 17, 2023. 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. Tina from the Chamber made a suggestion that going forward the donation go directly to the Volunteer Fire Department. The

request was for \$5,000.00. Stokely moved to contribute the amount of \$5,000 for the July 4th fireworks display and Swenson seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

MDT, LLC (Cruise & Associates) has prepared the City's Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 and each councilmember was provided a copy. It was moved by Buse, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge receipt of the audit. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Next the Council considered the adjustment to water rate schedule. The City Administrator stated that the average user would see a \$1.68 to \$1.76 per month increase. Following lengthy discussion, Buse introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE RATE SCHEDULES PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-208 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT; FIXING DATES FOR PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE FOR DELINQUENCY; FIXING RECONNECTION CHARGES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS RESOLUTION.

Hugo seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: Stokely and Penrose. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The July and August Council meetings are rescheduled from Tuesday, July 4th to Wednesday, July 5th and Tuesday, August 1st to Monday, August 7th with the time remaining at 5:30 PM. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Penrose to approve the date changes. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The City Administrator advised the Council concerning the Interlocal Agreement between the City of West Point and the City of Oakland for use of Oakland's swimming pool for the 2023 season. Following discussion, Swenson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF OAKLAND, NEBRASKA, FOR USE OF OAKLAND'S SWIMMING POOL.

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

The Council was informed with the renewal in the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) the City would see an increase of 4.04% and still be with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the ancillary insurance with Mutual of Omaha should not see a change until 2025. Following discussion, it was moved by Smith and seconded by Buse to approve renewal. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried

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

- (a) GACC JayFest Fundraiser on June 9, 2023 at Nielsen Center.
- (b) Rush's for the GACC Alumni Banquet on June 10, 2023 at Nielsen Center.
- (c) Cuming County Ag Society for August 10-13, 2023 - Cuming County Fair (Neligh Park & Fairgrounds).
- (d) Cuming County Ag Society for August 13, 2023 – Fair events to be held at Nielsen Community Center.
- (e) Cuming County Ag Society for August 12, 2023 - Fair event to be held at Anderson Ballfield.

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

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Smith, to approve the claim of Hugo Plumbing & Heating for services and supplies in the amount of \$15,657.14. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Hugo. Motion carried.

Earl Boston appeared before the Council with comments and questions regarding the possible purchase of electrical generators, West Point electrical rates and the status report on dike upgrade and estimated completion date.

Smith 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. 6 in the amount of \$295,026.16 to Christiansen Construction Company for the West Point Aquatic Center Project and authorize the City Clerk to make payment.

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

The City Administrator reported that flushing of the water lines would start on May 8th starting on the low side and working to the high side. Council members also discussed areas in the City that have issues or improvement including the website; areas on the Highway; Colfax,

Bridge, and Neligh Streets; and issues with semis parking on the empty JDs lot and leaving their engines running in the overnight hours.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Smith, to adjourn at 6:38 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.