

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 Tuesday, March 5, 2024 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 north wall of the Council Chambers for public information. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Hugo, 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 – will be sent via email.
5. Claims.

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

CLAIMS		
	PAYROLL	205,895.06
JOYRIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT	ADMIN-JOYRIDE PUB TRANSIT	4,500.00
WAPA	ELEC POWER	9,983.59
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	164.85
CHRISTIANSSEN CONSTRUCTION CO	POOL PROJECT PYMT #16	76,950.00
SAPP BROS	FUEL	7,940.87
HUGO PLUMBING & HEATING	SUPPLIES/EQUIP REP/MAINT	1,136.36
TAYLOR QUIK PIC	FUEL	276.44
PETROMART	FUEL	573.06
CVA	POLICE FUEL	1,121.58
CITY PAYROLL TAX FUND	EMPLOYER FICA	7,901.25
ASCENSUS	RETIRE CONTRIB	4,568.18
NE DEPT OF REV	PARK SALES TAX	35.51
NE DEPT OF REV	LIBRARY SALES TAX	36.17
WAGNER TIRE & REPAIR	FUEL/REP/MAINT	475.20
NE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	26,956.37
CITY PAYROLL TAX FUND	EMPLOYER FICA	8,102.90
ASCENSUS	RETIRE CONTRIB	4,643.74
MEAN	ELEC POWER	332,806.96
BCBS OF NE	HEALTH INS	43,460.38

MUTUAL OF OMAHA	INS PREMIUM	1,974.30
ADVANCED CONSULTING	PAVING 620-081/PROF SERV	16,378.91
AQUATIC DESIGN CONSULTANTS	POOL PROJECT-ENGINEER	8,533.50
ARNOLD MOTOR	SUPPLIES/EQUIP REP/MAINT	1,017.55
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES/TRAFFIC CONTROL	1,397.15
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	1,477.72
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES/REP/MAINT	414.35
BORDER STATES	MATERIALS/REP/MAINT/SUPPLIES	2,636.11
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	RESCUE SUPPLIES	816.02
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	CASH ADV/TRNG/TRVL	2,032.54
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	1,045.91
CORE & MAIN LP	WATER METERS	7,609.72
CORE HEALTH CLUB	POLICE TRAINING	234.00
CCPPD	ELEC WHEELING	5,727.12
DINKLAGE MED CLINIC	POLICE SERVICE	256.00
E.I.S. MFG	PARK BLDG REP/MAINT	522.06
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	LIBRARY SERVICE	54.00
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING	COMM & TECH BLDG MAINT	832.50
ELITE COMPUTERS	POLICE SUPPLIES	100.00
ENGELHARDT TV & COMMUNICATIONS	POLICE REPAIR/SUPPLIES	814.00
FBG FACILITY SERVICES	COMM CNTR-FLOOR SERV	12,800.00
GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING	LIBRARY BOOKS	128.40
GALL'S INC	POLICE UNIFORMS/SUPPLIES	974.88
L. P. GILL	SAN TIPPING FEE	8,024.32
GILL HAULING	SAN HAULING FEE	3,162.70
GRAINGER	SUPPLIES/REP/MAINT	614.80
GRAYBEAL'S FOOD	SUPPLIES	94.01
HAWKINS	WTR TRMT SUPPLIES	2,172.82
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	1,080.77
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	LIBRARY BOOKS	1,215.60
JEO CONSULTING GROUP	ELEC PROF SERV/GENERATION	2,962.50
JACKSON SERVICES	UNIFORMS/SERVICE	1,423.84
JOHN A. STAHL LIBRARY	LIBRARY POSTAGE	202.51
LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITIES	WTR TRAINING	270.00
LESLIE'S POOLMART	SWR TRMT SUPPLIES	3,935.80
LOFFLER CO	POLICE SERVICE	101.04
LOGEMANN AUTO	EQUIP REP/MAINT SUPPLIES	1,440.00
MAHASKA	COMM CNTR CONCESSION	309.84
MATHESON TRI-GAS	RESCUE SUPPLIES	504.52
METAL DOORS & HARDWARE	COMM CNTR BLDG REP/MAINT	188.13
MICROMARKETING	LIBRARY AUDIO/BOOKS	649.85
MIDWEST LABORATORIES	SWR TRMT LAB SERVICE	202.55
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	STREET EQUIP REP/SUPPLIES	560.00
MIDWEST TAPE	LIBRARY DVDs/HOOPLA	605.37
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	WTR DIST EQUIP REP/MAINT	505.98
NE PUBLIC HEALTH	WTR LAB SERVICE	565.00

NE VET SERVICES	POLICE SERVICE	598.57
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	SERVICE	8.11
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES/SHIPPING	1,174.01
OVERDRIVE	LIBRARY BOOKS	464.35
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	POLICE BLDG REPAIR	192.00
PAYGROUND	RESCUE SERVICE	26.00
CASH	CASH ADV	70.01
PRESTO X	SERVICE	411.62
QUADIENT FINANCE	POSTAGE	1,000.00
S2 ROLL-OFFS	PARK GARBAGE	150.00
ST. JOSEPH'S HILLSIDE VILLA	SR CNTR MEALS	2,442.00
SCANTRON	SERVICE	1,326.00
SCHMADER ELECTRIC	ELEC REP/SUPP	16.50
SEALS AND SERVICE	ELEC EQUIP REP/MAINT/SUPPLIES	1,138.75
SKYWAVE WIRELESS	SERVICE/SUPPLIES	736.25
SPECIAL ROADS FUND	EQUIP REP/MAINT	337.59
STALP GRAVEL	SUPPLIES/SNOW REMOVAL	5,457.91
HD SUPPLY	REP/SUPPLIES	3,283.13
VERIZON BUSINESS	PHONE SERVICE	83.26
VERIZON WIRELESS	LIBRARY SERVICE	300.10
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE SERVICE	2,523.05
WAGNER TIRE & REPAIR	EQUIP REP/MAINT	345.49
WELCH LAW FIRM P.C.	PROF SERVICES	542.50
WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP	ELEC SUPPLIES	925.58
WP IMPLEMENT	GRADER/SNOWPLOW REPAIRS	133.36
WP LIBRARY FOUNDATION	SUPPLIES	1,155.70
WPLW	UTILITIES	33,565.93
WPLW	POSTAGE/TRNG/TRVL	2,762.67
WP NEWS	AD/PUBLICATION COSTS	486.99
WP RESCUE	AMBULANCE CHARGES	1,430.00
WP TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES/REP/MAINT	1,093.12
WOERNER'S GARBAGE	SERVICE	267.00
4S SERVICE & REPAIR	REP/MAINT	1,101.56
BLACKSTRAP	STREET SUPPLY/SALT	2,267.30
CITY OF FREMONT	POLICE E-CITATION	630.79
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	427.16
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT	POLICE TRNG/MEALS	22.70
CUMING COUNTY SHERIFF	POLICE SERVICE	39.50
DEMCO	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	273.21
FRANCISCAN HEALTHCARE	SR CNTR ARPA SUPPLIES	194.82
HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	ELEC PROD TRNG/TRVL	245.90
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	POLICE EQUIP-RADKE	1,606.62
ANGELA KIENBAUM	LIBRARY SERVICE	125.50
KNIFE RIVER MIDWEST	STREET SUPPLIES	1,086.00
KATHY MAHANNAH	POOL OPERATOR LICENSE CERT	40.00
MCS CONSTRUCTION	STREET REPAIR	645.96

MERCHANT JOB TRAINING	ELEC DIST TRNG	1,100.00
NE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	STREET MAINT AGREEMENT	6,087.30
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	POLICE TRNG	75.00
NE STATE PATROL	POLICE SERVICE	262.50
AUSTIN PEATROWSKY	POLICE TRNG/MILEAGE	169.24
PETERSON BODY & PAINT	STREET REP/SUPPLY	35.60
QUADIENT LEASING	SERVICE	441.09
SARGENT DRILLING	ARPA-PUMP REP	23,651.60
PATTY SCHINSTOCK	MISC EXP	17.19
SCHMITT'S CLOTHING	POLICE UNIFORMS	90.30
ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL HOSP	POLICE SERVICE	1,263.00
STRACHAN SALES	COMM CNTR SUPPLIES	136.88
TRUCK EQUIPMENT	ELEC DIST REP/MAINT	216.75
ULTRA BRITE CARWASH	POLICE CARWASH TOKENS	200.00
KLEEN WORKS	COMM CNTR SERVICE	500.00

Jason Smith appeared before the council to request funds for a field groomer. The field groomer that was ordered was outside the budgeted amount of \$15,000. Jason requested the City pay the entire invoice of \$36,373.74 to Midwest Turf and Irrigation Inc. Following discussion, it was moved by Smith, seconded by Stokely, to purchase the equipment amending the budget amount pending a fundraiser to pay back the additional \$21,373.74. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The City Administrator explained the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Modernized SSM Agreement. Following review, Ordinance No. 1445 came up for first reading and was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED TOTAL POWER REQUIREMENTS POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA, WITH THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA; TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS ON USE OF THE ELECTRICITY; TO PRESCRIBE THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Motion was made by Buse and seconded by Stokely to approve Ordinance No.1445 on its first reading. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 1445 approved on its first reading.

The City Administrator advised the Council that current owners of the 8.60 acres on the east end of West Point may be interested in selling this property. The City is interested in purchasing it as an expansion to Mount Hope cemetery. He was seeking authorization to have this area appraised. It was then moved by Smith and seconded by Stokely that the City obtain an appraisal. 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 Permits under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act:

(a) Fraternal Order of Eagles West Point for a Fish Fry on March 29, 2024; and

(b) Native 32 Winery LLC for a Fundraiser on April 12, 2024 at GACC Cafeteria.

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

Moved by Stokely, seconded by Smith, to approve the claim of Hugo Plumbing & Heating for services and supplies in the amount of \$3,126.74. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Hugo. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Hugo, to approve the claim of Tom Swenson Advertising for promotional items in the amount of \$2,395.20. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Buse, Hugo and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Swenson. Motion carried.

Buse introduced a resolution to approve Application/Payment No. 17 in the amount of \$51,997.19 to Christiansen Construction Company for the West Point Aquatic Center Project and authorize payment. Penrose 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 6:10 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.