

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 February 1, 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 Ryan Smith. Absent: None.

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 north wall of the Council Chambers for public information. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Penrose, to approve the following consent agenda:

1. City appointed volunteer boards and commissions: none.
2. Fire & rescue departments – accept the resignation of Steve Brune from West Point Rescue.
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	221,007.17
BCBS of NE	Health Ins	43,563.35
Van Kirk Bros Contracting	Hwy 275 Util Reloc Final Pymt	69,736.00
Chamber of Commerce	Ec Dev Services	5,000.00
Christiansen Construction	Pool Project Pymt #15	503,951.79
WAPA	Elec Power	10,991.41
Petromart	Fuel/Supplies	297.08
CVA	Fuel	1,256.40
Wagner Tire & Repair	Fuel/Rep/Maint	1,300.90
Hugo Plumbing & Heating	Rep/Maint/Contracted Service	1,643.52
Doescher Door Services	Theatre Repair	1,205.00
MCS Construction	Theatre Project	77,942.93
Sapp Bros	Fuel/Street Supplies	2,350.97
City Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	8,228.38
Ascensus	Retire Contrib	4,845.16
NE Dept of Econ Dev	Housing Rehab Revolving Loan	2,492.39
NE Dept of Rev	Sales Tax	28,357.40
MEAN	Elec Power	308,174.04

NE Dept of Rev	Nielsen Cntr/Library Sales Tax	25.54
NE Dept of Rev	Park Sales Tax	45.69
NE Dept of Rev	Park Sales Tax	337.02
City Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	8,984.96
Ascensus	Retire Contrib	5,189.39
Advanced Consulting	Sales Tax Park/Canoe Project	85.69
Aquatic Design Consultants	Pool Project Engineer	4,266.75
Arnold Motor Supply	Supplies/Rep/Maint	1,143.30
Bomgaars	Supplies/Rep/Maint	902.87
Border States Industries	Elec Materials/Supplies	1,801.50
Bound Tree Medical	Rescue Supplies	497.40
Brownells	Police Equip	1,005.41
Elan Financial Services	Cash Adv Training/Travel	1,878.19
Chamber Of Commerce	PIP Tickets	240.00
Core & Main	Elec Meters	7,673.82
Core Health Club	Police Training	234.00
Cuming County Clerk	Admin Record/Copy Fees	29.00
Cuming County Rural Water	Park Service	138.00
CCPPD	Elec Wheeling	5,727.12
Dinslage Small Engine	Equip Rep/Maint	377.76
Eakes Office Solutions	Library Service	124.09
Electronic Contracting Co	Service	1,128.00
Elite Computers	Supplies	40.00
Gale/Cengage Learning	Library Books	206.91
LP Gill	San Tipping Fee	7,601.88
Gill Hauling	San Hauling Fee	2,996.92
Grainger	Elec Repair	25.46
Goulette Tom	Training/Travel	455.60
Graybeal's Foods	Supplies	290.75
Hawkins	Wtr Trmt Supplies	60.00
HD Supply	Supplies	583.18
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	713.47
JEO Consulting Group	Elec Prof Service/Generation	5,925.00
Jackson Services	Uniforms/Service	1,219.56
Loffler Companies	Service/Supplies	179.14
Logemann Auto Parts	Supplies/Equip Rep/Maint	255.14
Mahaska	Comm Cntr Concessions	312.00
Matheson Tri-Gas	Rescue Supplies	161.67
Micromarketing	Audio/Books	517.42
Midwest Laboratories	Swr Trmt Lab Service	132.05
Midwest Tape	Library/HOOPLA Downloads	500.17
NE Public Health	Wtr Lab Service	1,055.00
NE Vet Services	Police Service	289.55
Northeast NE Econ Dev	Econ Dev Prof Services	57.25
One Call Concepts	Service	101.07
One Office Solution	Supplies	276.75
Payground	Rescue Service	46.91
Presto X	Library Service	86.65

S2 Roll-Offs	Garbage Service	300.00
St. Joseph's Hillside Villa	Sr Cntr Meals	3,415.50
Seals and Service	Street Equip Rep/Maint	224.60
Skywave Wireless	Library Service	211.30
Special Roads Fund	Police Rep/Maint	42.39
Sunrise Excavating	Snow Removal	22,093.00
TJ Construction	Sidewalk Repair	4,954.50
HD Supply	Tools/Supplies	539.20
Verizon Business	Phone Service	72.29
Verizon Wireless	Library Service	300.10
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Service	524.88
Wagner Tire & Repair	Police Repair	225.50
Welch Law Firm P.C.	Prof Service	210.00
Wesco Receivables Corp	Elec Supplies/Tools	344.26
WPLW	Utilities	36,006.28
WPLW	Cash Advance Reimbursements	1,626.90
WP News	Publication/Supplies	436.79
WP Rescue	Rescue Charges/Stipend	5,350.00
WP True Value	Supplies	269.30
Woerner's Garbage	Garbage Service	267.00
911 Custom	Police Supplies	309.47
Agrivision Equip Group	Street Repair	8.17
Beed Enterprises	Police Service	100.00
Custom Glass	Comm Cntr Rep/Maint	1,424.00
Discover-Northeast	Comm Cntr/Park Ad	615.00
First Concord Benefits	Admin Fee	200.00
Hydro Optimization	Wtr Trmt Service	535.00
Jack's Uniforms & Equip	Police Supplies	179.94
Johnsen Corrosion Engineering	Wtr Dist Service	1,016.00
Chris Kreikemeier	NSAE Luncheon	30.00
Ne Dept Environment & Energy	Swr Admin Renewal	150.00
Network Partners	Police Service	77.50
Peterson Body & Paint	Repair	250.00
Uline	San Supplies	347.43
WP Auto & Truck	Admin Repair	125.00
Constellation Newenergy	Gas Service	2,236.71
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service	1,489.92
Century Link	Phone Service	850.19
Accredited Security	Police Taser	914.00
BCBS of NE	Health Ins	46,019.34
Mutual Of Omaha	Ins Premium	1,879.52

Mary Jo Mack, Library Director, appeared before the Council and presented the annual report on the John A. Stahl Library. She also reported on new programs and ideas the library is working on.

The City Administrator advised the Council that Casey Lund has requested to renew his lease for the land east by the wastewater treatment plant. Casey was present at the meeting and requested permission to interseed the 6.52 acres to the south with grass and hay. He will pay rent of \$150 per acre for 15.52 acres. Following discussion, it was moved by Stokely and seconded by Smith to renew the Lease Agreement between the City and Casey Lund for one year with cash rent in the sum of \$2,328.00 for 15.52 acres and authorizing the Mayor to sign said lease. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation on Project Lifesaver by John Adams and Jedzia Radke. Project Lifesaver is a non-profit organization that protects individuals that tend to wander. The organization provides a bracelet/band that has a chip that can be tracked by radio frequency which cuts down the search time on these individuals. The initial cost to start up the program is \$4,500.00 which does not include the cost of training. The goal of the West Point Police Department is to raise \$10,000. This would allow for the bracelet/bands along with the maintenance to be provided for free to the families who choose to participate. The goal is to offer training to other agencies such as the Fire Department and eventually expand this in the future to other communities. It will not be up and running until the end of 2024/beginning of 2025. Motion made by Smith and seconded by Swenson to move forward with this project. 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 2025 to be submitted to the Area Agency. Following discussion, it was moved by Smith, seconded by Swenson, to approve the budget for fiscal year 2025 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 Buse, seconded by Hugo, to approve the following applications for Special Designated Liquor Permits under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act:

- (a) Fraternal Order Eagles for Ag Appreciation Supper on March 13, 2024.
- (b) GACC Booster Club for Alumni Tournament on March 22 and March 23, 2024.
- (c) Win or Lose We Still Booze LLC dba Rush's Liquor Store for West Point Community Theatre performances on March 15, March 16, March 17, March 22 and March 24, 2024.

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 \$1,136.36. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Hugo. Motion carried.

Smith introduced a resolution to approve Application/Payment No. 16 in the amount of \$76,950.00 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 6:03 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.