

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 March 2, 2021 at the Nielsen Community Center, 200 Anna Stalp Ave, West Point, Nebraska.

Present were: Mayor Schlecht; Councilmembers: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Absent: Stokely.

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 south wall of the room for public information.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Buse, 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.
5. Claims.

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

CLAIMS		
Payroll		153,957.35
Mutual of Omaha	Life Ins.	1,601.45
Rutjens Construction	Wtr Plant Project	350,197.97
Rutjens Construction	Wtr Main Improvement Project	25,698.06
The Home Depot Pro	Supplies	225.18
Western Area Power Administration	Power	8,575.14
Central Valley Ag	Service	620.54
PetroMart	Service	72.43
Black Hills Energy	Service	77.43
Expanse Holdings	Ec Dev Grant	25,000.00
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	5,833.08
First National Bank Fremont	Retirement Contributions	4,020.19
Sapp Bros.	Service	2,888.98
Nebraska Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax	29,431.84
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	6,164.61
First National Bank Fremont	Retirement Contributions	4,154.48
BCBS of Nebraska	Health Ins.	57,231.69

Mutual of Omaha	Life Ins.	1,597.78
MEAN	Power	322,932.57
Auto Value Parts	Supplies	411.94
Black Hills Energy	Service	1,414.70
Bomgaars Supply	Supplies	795.82
Border States Industries	Supplies	651.37
Bound Tree Medical	Supplies	764.22
Cardmember Service	Service	1,756.03
Century Link	Service	1,032.75
Constellation NewEnergy	Service	2,265.62
Core & Main	Supplies	3,467.51
Cuming County Public Power	Wheeling Service	5,509.07
Dinslage Small Engine	Service	72.47
Dugan Business Forms	Supplies	207.62
Dutton Lainson Co.	Supplies	1,713.93
Electronic Contracting Co.	Service	1,657.02
Floor Maintenance	Supplies	343.13
Gale/Cengage Learning	Books	565.54
Gall's Inc.	Supplies	87.93
Garratt Callahan Co.	Supplies	1,633.50
L. P. Gill Inc.	Tipping Fee	7,989.02
Gill Hauling	Hauling Fee	3,149.55
Graybeal's Food	Supplies	186.86
Hawkins Inc.	Supplies	1,889.12
Heiman Fire Equipment	Supplies	90.60
The Home Depot Pro	Supplies	883.17
Ingram Library Services	Books	751.96
JEO Consulting Group	Prof Services	14,532.50
Jackson Services	Uniform Service	907.76
Logemann Auto Parts	Supplies	51.79
Matheson Tri-Gas	Supplies	235.92
MicoMarketing LLC	Books	95.79
Midwest Labs	Service	161.90
Midwest Tape	Supplies	111.20
Municipal Supply Inc.	Supplies	917.65
Neb. Public Health Environmental Lab	Service	810.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Service	67.50
Nebraska Vet Services	Service	200.00
OCLC, Inc.	Service	44.85
One Call Concepts Inc.	Service	22.30
Overdrive, Inc.	Books	333.87
Overhead Door Co.	Service	220.60
Presto X	Service	68.00
Quadient Finance	Postage	600.00
Quality Printing & Supplies	Supplies	535.88
Quick Med Claims	Prof Services	527.71

St. Joseph's Hillside Villa	Meals	2,333.50
Seals and Service	Service	332.91
Skywave Wireless	Service	223.10
Smidt's Sanitation	Service	177.00
Special Roads Fund	Mechanic Chgs	281.45
Stalp Gravel	Supplies	4,677.81
Sunrise Excavating	Service	20,117.90
USA Blue Book	Supplies	251.32
Verizon Business	Service	87.71
Verizon Wireless	Service	353.04
Welch Law Firm	Prof Services	3,718.65
WPLW	Service	40,387.28
WPLW Operating fund	Cash Adv	2,321.57
West Point News	Publication Costs	668.57
West Point Rescue	Ambul Charges/Uniform Expense	1,363.82
West Point True Value	Supplies	214.07
Woerner's Garbage Service	Service	267.00
911 Custom	Supplies	437.00
A to Z Vac N Sew	Supplies	143.60
Blue 360 Media	Supplies	83.75
Colonial Research	Supplies	196.44
DHHS Drinking Water	Pool - Permit	40.00
Don's Pioneer Uniforms	Supplies	225.58
Fireguard Inc.	Supplies	90.00
Jacks's Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies	391.42
Library Journal	Subscription	99.00
MC2, Inc.	Supplies	1,665.80
Municipal Service & Supply	Supplies	16,693.71
Peterson Body & Paint	Supplies	688.00
Quadient, Inc.	Service	397.14
David Schroedter	Elec Plant -Repair Parts	652.49
Spenner Electric	Service	610.00
Watchguard Video	Supplies	85.60
Westside Publishing Co.	Travel Guide Ad/Nielsen Ctr	297.00

The Mayor opened a public hearing to rezone Lot 6, Block 48, Original Plat of the City of West Point, Cuming County, Nebraska, from Highway Commercial District (C-2) to Residential Single Family District (R-1). It was stated that the current owner is selling the home and the buyers are having difficulty with financing because of its present zoning classification. The Planning Commission was forwarding a favorable recommendation. All parties were given an opportunity to be heard. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Buse introduced Ordinance No. 1419 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, NEBRASKA, AMENDING ZONING

ORDINANCE NO. 1401 TO REZONE THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-2) TO RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT (R-1); REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM,

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Smith seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried. Statutory rule suspended. Smith moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Buse. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Ordinance adopted.

Park Board member, Kathy Mahannah, appeared before the Council to discuss the construction of a new swimming pool. About two years ago there was a group of people, of which Kathy Mahannah was a part of, looking into the possibility of constructing a new pool and rec center. Then COVID happened and everything was put on hold. Now, the Park Board is considering the matter and believes that a new pool should be a priority. Mrs. Mahannah, who has managed the pool for 18 years, stated the current pool is 35 years old and may look good from the outside but the inner workings are failing. The filter leaks; the pipes are rusting; and portions of the concrete around the pool deck are sinking. City employees seal and patch the pool each year but the pool losses water daily which doesn't allow the water circulation system to work properly. On February 23, 2021 members of the Park Board, Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, the City Administrator, Mayor and several Councilmembers met with Aquatic Design Consultants, Inc. on designing a new pool. It was stated a Steering Committee would be formed and public input would be sought to decide the type of facility needed. A website would also be developed by Aquatic Design for the public to access information as the project progresses. Penrose introduced a resolution to contract with Aquatic Design Consultants, Inc. and Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, for their services in the planning and designing of a new aquatic facility for the City of West Point and the Mayor is authorized to sign said contracts. Swenson seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The City Administration reviewed with the Council the various routes thought the City for snow removal. He also reviewed sections of the Code Book dealing with snow removal and maintenance; street cleaning; occupant's duty to remove snow, sleet and ice from sidewalks; and

depositing snow on public ways.

The City Administrator reported to the Council that Quality Pork International is planning on doing a five-million-dollar expansion south of their facility and will be rerouting truck traffic from Grant Street to Sherman Street. He suggested that the south part of the alley be repaved resulting in improving the drainage in this area. Hugo introduced a resolution authorizing Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, the City's engineer, to proceed with preparing the plans and specification for the improvement of the alley located in Block 30, Original Plat of the City of West Point, Nebraska, being on the east side of Quality Pork International, Inc. Buse seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The installation of the third and final filter has been completed at the water treatment plan. Once the testing is completed the unit will be brought online. The operational logistics will be completed by HOA. Another round of distribution system flushing will be done depending on the snow melt and temperature. Hopefully this will happen towards the end of March. And then doing another system flushing before summer prior to peak usage.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss no parking on the north side of Grove Street between Kloke and Sherman Streets. Bruce Kreikemeier, whose lives on Grove Street in this area, appeared before the Council and was opposed to restricting the parking. The south side of Grove Street is already no parking. He stated he does not have room in his driveway to park his vehicles and this restriction would eliminate the parking of any vehicles on the street. It was stated part of the problem is when it snows and cars are parked along this street at the crest of the hill, it makes it difficult for cars heading east to have to stop for traffic going around the parked cars and then to get started again to proceed up the hill. Discussion was had about restricting parking just on school days. Penrose and Smith were opposed to placing any parking restrictions on this portion of Grove Street. Following discussion, no action was taken.

The Council then considered restricting the parking on Grove Street east of the Courthouse. Because of the congestion sometimes at the intersection of Grove and Colfax Streets, it was discussed to restrict parking on the north side of Grove Street from that intersection. It was initially

decided to have no parking on the north side of Grove Street, 40 feet east from the intersection. Mr. David Branch appeared before the Council and reported that he measured where the current No Parking sign is and stated it is already 40 feet from the intersection. It was then decided to change it to no parking 40 feet east of the stop sign at that intersection. Smith introduced resolution that it shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be parked or left standing as follows: Grove Street -- 40 feet east from the Stop Sign on the north side of Grove Street at the intersection of Grove and Colfax Streets and that an appropriate "NO PARKING" sign be erected and maintained along the portion of said street so restricted and that each person failing or neglecting to comply with or violating any of the provisions of this resolution shall be deemed to have violated Section 3-115 of the Municipal Code of said City. Penrose seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Smith, to approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor Permit for Guardian Angels Central Catholic Booster Club for the Alumni Basketball Tournament on March 26 and 27, 2021. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith and seconded by Penrose, to approve the claim of Hugo Plumbing & Heating for services and supplies in the amount of \$3,636.40. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Abstaining: Hugo. Motion carried.

Buse introduced a resolution to approve payment to Layne Christensen Company for the Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$29,192.50. Smith seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Swenson introduced a resolution to approve payment to Rutjens Construction for the Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$221,123.00. Smith seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The City Administrator reported on the following:

1. Refinancing of the SFR loan on the Wastewater Treatment Plant was completed going from 2.65% to 1%.

2. Survey work is being done in regard to the levee improvement and the property of the Cuming County Ag Society.
3. Owners of the old nursing home have been approved for NIFA funding and construction will be starting 120 to 150 days after award to convert the facility into apartments.

Hugo talked about the sidewalk on east Grove Street west of the school that at one time connected to the sidewalk on Sherman Street. But with the construction of new houses a portion of the sidewalk on Grove Street was taken out and he thought it should be replaced. Also, he repaired a water leak in the 100 Block of North Lincoln Street and had to remove part of the sidewalk. The property owner said he would replace the sidewalk but never has. He requested that a letter be sent on both of these situations to have the sidewalks replaced.

Swenson talked about the traffic light at the intersection of Hwy 275 and Hwy 32 by the courthouse. Traffic on Hwy 275 heading north and trying to turn left onto Hwy 32 sometimes have to wait through two traffic signals because of the oncoming traffic before they can turn. He asked the City Administrator to contact the Department of Transportation to see if a traffic light with a turning arrow could be placed there. Penrose also asked the City Administrator to include a request for a traffic light to be installed at the intersection of Hwy 275 and 13th Street due to the number of accidents at that intersection.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Smith, to adjourn at 6:37 P.M. Voting Yea: Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC
City Clerk