

## 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 June 3, 2021 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 444 S. Main Street, West Point, Nebraska.

Present were: Mayor Schlecht; Councilmembers: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and 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 in the Council Chambers for public information. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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

1. City appointed boards and commissions: Board of Adjustment – appointment of Paul Nielsen - 3 year term.
2. Appointment of Doug Kaup as the City's Civil Defense Director.
3. Fire & rescue departments – accept memberships & resignations - none.
4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Claims.

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

Payroll		159,405.01
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	6,094.67
Ascenus	Retirement Contributions	3,862.13
Rutjens Construction	Water Main Improve Paymt #2	66,076.92
Hugo Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Service	1,323.48
CCPPD	Power	68.65
Central Valley Ag	Service	456.72
PetroMart	Service	25.73
Sapp Bros	Service	1,067.36
Wagner Tire	Service	257.25
West Point Travel Plaza	Service	2,795.42
Road Gems	Contribution	2,500.00
Black Hills Energy	Service	78.56
Nebraska Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax	10.65
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City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	6,257.67
Ascenus	Retirement Contributions	3,778.57
BCBS	Health Ins.	60,679.42
MEAN	Power	295,604.62
Mutual of Omaha	Life Ins.	1,650.04
Advance Consulting	Service	11,000.00

Aqua-Chem	Supplies	4,575.71
Auto Value	Supplies	1,356.12
Black Hills Energy	Service	578.44
Bomgaars	Supplies	650.12
Border States	Supplies	11,361.46
Bound Tree Medical	Supplies	617.41
Cardmember Service	Service	873.77
CenturyLink	Service	1,033.41
Core & Main LP	Service	17,787.68
CCPPD	Wheeling Service	5,509.07
Danko Emergency Equipment	Supplies	136.00
Dave's Drycleaning	Service	41.00
Dinslage Small Engine	Service	125.04
Dutton Lainson Co.	Supplies	139.86
Elite Computers	Service/Computer	2,366.00
Engelhardt TV & Communications	Supplies	182.63
Engelmeyer Repair LLC	Service	378.95
Floor Maintenance	Supplies	850.24
Gale/Cengage Learning	Books	197.30
Gall's Inc.	Supplies	163.76
Gerhold Concrete Company Inc.	Supplies	34.56
L.P. Gill Inc.	Tipping Fee	9,917.44
Gill Hauling	Hauling Fee	3,909.78
Graybeal's Food	Supplies	140.85
gWorks	Service	1,000.00
Hawkins	Supplies	979.93
The Home Depot Pro	Supplies	1,032.81
Ingram Library Services	Books	1,097.69
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	Service	20,275.65
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	907.76
John A Stahl Library	Postage	87.46
Kaup Seed & Fertilizer	Supplies	282.00
League of NE Municipalities	Training	150.00
Leslie's Poolmart Inc.	Supplies	1,740.04
Lou's Sporting Goods	Supplies	156.00
Mahaska	Supplies	327.92
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	Service	253.29
MicroMarketing LLC	Books	506.40
Midwest Laboratories	Service	187.90
Midwest Service & Sales	Supplies	3,557.30
Midwest Tape	Supplies	166.42
Municipal Supply Inc.	Supplies	278.83
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Service	93.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Service	67.50
Nebraska Vet Service	Service	200.00
OCLC Inc.	Service	44.85
One Call Concepts Inc.	Service	108.20
Overdrive Inc.	Service	89.98
Presto X	Service	315.00
Quadient Finance USA	Service	397.14
Quality Printing & Supplies	Supplies	871.38
Quick Med Claims	Service	1,771.85
S2 Roll-offs LLC	Service	162.00
St. Joseph's Hillside Villa	Meal Service	2,990.00

Seals & Service Inc.	Service	273.82
Skywave Wireless Inc.	Service	224.05
Special Roads Fund	Mechanic Chgs	380.44
Stalp Gravel	Supplies	5,677.11
Sunrise Excavating Co.	Service	28,655.00
Verizon Business	Service	86.29
Verizon Wireless	Broadband	120.03
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Service	323.13
Welch Law Firm PC	Prof Service	2,670.96
West Point Library Foundation	Supplies/Service	1,604.21
West Point Light and Water	Service	29,277.52
West Point Light and Water	Cash Adv/Supplies	1,558.76
West Point News	Publication	1,171.61
West Point Rescue	Supplies	1,164.09
West Point True Value	Supplies	858.43
Woerner's Garbage Service	Service	267.00
Asphalt & Concrete Materials	Supplies	751.68
Collaborative Summer Library	Supplies	224.99
Continental Western Group	Insurance	63.00
Cross Technologies Inc	Supplies	174.85
Diamond Vogel Paint	Supplies	3,029.85
Angela Kienbaum	Service	37.80
Judy Luebbert	Supplies	108.75
Norfolk Daily News	Publication	82.22
Northeast Instant Rain	Service	164.90
Solomon Corporation	Service	8,271.20
Uline	Supplies	332.87
USA Today	Subscription	340.14
Van Diest Supply Co.	Supplies	2,894.00
West Point Garden Center	Supplies	122.90
Dave Wimmer	Supplies	152.08
Zoll Medical Corp.	Supplies	84.32

The Council considered a request from West Point Rescue for use of city streets and Neligh Park for a EMS 5k Color Run/Walk. Moved by Hugo and seconded by Swenson to approve the request of the West Point Rescue for use of city streets and Neligh Park for a 5k run/walk on Saturday, July 24, 2021 starting at 9:00 AM. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Next the Council considered removing the two-hour parking on a portion of Park Street. between Mill and Main Streets. The City Administrator stated that this would be on the south side of Park Street. He had talked to Laurena Marr of Marr Framing and she would like to have two stalls remain as 2-hour parking, which would leave 6 parking stalls. Connie Nebuda of Creative Notion was present at the meeting and she inquired if the 2-hour parking on the north side of Park Street could also be removed. It was stated that the Council would consider this request at the July meeting.

Stokely introduced a resolution that the two-hour parking restriction be removed and deactivated on the south side of Park Street from the alley between Mill and Main Streets, east being 6 parking stalls. Smith seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The Council then considered removing the two-hour parking on a portion of Grant Street between Main and Lincoln Streets. Swenson introduced a resolution that the two-hour parking restriction be removed and deactivated on the north side of Grant Street from the intersection of Main and Grant Streets east to the alley between Main and Lincoln Streets. Hugo seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Moved by Hugo and seconded by Smith to accept the 2022 Title III-B Supportive Services Agreement, the Title III-C Nutrition Services Agreement and the Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Agreement with Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging for the Sunshine Citizens Center. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Executive Director of the West Point Chamber of Commerce presented a request to the Council for the City's continued assistance in the amount of \$5,000 for the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display. Swenson was opposed to the amount and thought it should be lower. Swenson then moved to contribute the amount of \$3,000 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display and Buse seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Swenson, Buse, and Hugo. Nay: Stokely, Penrose, and Smith. The result of the voting being a tie, the Mayor cast the deciding vote of yea. Motion carried.

The Council then discussed the closing of a portion of Bridge Street by the south entrance of Neligh Park during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and fireworks show as has been done for the past several years. It was stated that the Street Department puts the barricades along the side of the streets and alleys and the Fire Dept. sees that they get put up. Swenson stated he thought the barricades need to go up sooner than what was done last year. It was moved by Swenson and seconded by Penrose, that the portion of Bridge Street from the west side of Oak Street to the west side of King Street and the alleys adjoining thereto be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> for the annual fireworks

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

Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Executive Director of the Chamber, appeared again before the Council to request the following street closures to accommodate activities associated with the annual Sidewalk Sale events: (1) 100 block of North Main Street on Thursday, July 29, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM (annual dog show) and (2) 100 block of North Main Street on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM for sidewalk sales. Moved by Stokely, seconded by Smith, to approve the Chamber's request. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Stokely, to approve the following applications for Special Designated Liquor Permits: (1) Cuming County Ag Society for the annual Cuming County Fair on August 12, 13, 14, and 15, 2021 for Neligh Park and Fairgrounds; and (2) Cuming County Ag Society for Cuming County Fair for events on August 14 and 15, 2021 at the Nielsen Community Center. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Buse introduced a resolution to approve the following change orders and payments to Rutjens Construction: (1) Water Treatment Plant Project – Change Orders No. 4 and No. 5 and Payment Request #10 for \$76,539.45; and (2) Water Main Improvement Project – Payment Request #3 for \$173,683.89; and authorize payment in the total amount of \$250,223.34. Smith 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 Stokely, to adjourn at 6:10 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC  
City Clerk