

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 5:34 o'clock P.M. on December 4, 2018 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building in West Point, Nebraska.

Present were: Mayor Johnson; Councilmembers: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Schlecht, Hugo, and Black. 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 in the Council Chambers for public information. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

It was moved by Swenson and seconded by Ell to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 6, 2018. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Schlecht, Hugo, and Black. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Schlecht, to accept the Certificate of Election as prepared by the Cuming County Clerk/Election Commissioner regarding the following positions:

Mayor	Bruce A. Schlecht
Ward 1 Council	Emma Stokely
Ward 2 Council	Jerry Hugo
Ward 3 Council	Rusty Smith

Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Schlecht, Hugo, and Black. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor then read a letter from Bruce A. Schlecht resigning his position as a councilmember for Ward II of the City of West Point effective immediately. Moved by Hugo and seconded by Paus to accept the resignation of Bruce A. Schlecht. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Black. Nay: None. Abstaining: Schlecht. Motion carried. It was stated that a public notice of such vacancy would be published in the newspaper stating the position vacated and the length of the unexpired term.

Mayor Johnson then presented certificates to Roger Paus for 12 years of service and to

Tom Black for 4 years of service as councilmembers. An engraved gavel was presented to Mayor Johnson for her 20 years of dedicated service to the City of West Point as its mayor.

Moved by Ell and seconded by Hugo to adjourn Sine Die. Voting Yea: Paus, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Black. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A reorganizational meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of West Point, Nebraska was held at the Municipal Building in said City. Present were: Mayor-Elect Schlecht; Councilmembers: Councilmember-elect Stokely, Councilmember Ell, Councilmember Swenson, Councilmember-elect Hugo, and Councilmember-elect Smith.

The newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers were then sworn in.

Election of council president was then held. Ell nominated Councilmember Hugo. Moved by Swenson and seconded by Stokely, that the nominations cease and that Councilmember Hugo be elected Council President. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Hugo. Motion carried. The Mayor declared Councilmember Hugo to be the Council President.

The Mayor stated that normally the Council Standing Committees are appointed at this time but with having a vacancy on the Council, he was going to wait until the January meeting to make these appointments when hopefully there will be a full council.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Ell, to approve the designation of Charter West Bank, F&M Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank as the official depositories of the City. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Stokely, to approve the designation of West Point News as the official newspaper of the City. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor then announced his appointments of the statutory city officers as follows:

City Clerk
City Treasurer
City Physicians

Mary Kempf
Ralph Luebbert
Dinklage Medical Clinic

Consulting Attorney
 City Street Superintendent
 Chief of Police
 Police Officers

Wendy Ridder
 John A. Zwingman
 Mike Fisher
 John Adams
 Edward Craig
 Kevin Kaup
 Chad Miller
 Brett Vance
 Tom Stratman
 Jeff McGill
 Maurice Norton

Fire Chief
 Assistant Fire Chiefs

Rescue Squad Officers:

President
 Vice-President
 Secretary
 Treasurer

Brian Priestly
 Pat Ellis
 Kelly Hansen
 Drew Wimer

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Hugo, to approve said appointments. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

1. City appointed boards and commissions:
 - a. Parks and Recreation Board: reappointment of Trent Kaup and Bill Landholm (3 year terms).
 - b. Housing Rehabilitation Board: appointment of Rusty Smith (5 year term).
2. Fire & rescue departments – accept the membership application of Kreg Schlautman to West Point Volunteer Fire Dept. Company #2.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Claims.

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

<u>CLAIMS</u>		
Payroll		148,475.60
Department of Energy	Power	8,596.56
Hugo Plumbing & Heating	Serv/Supplies	1,779.38
Elkhorn Paving Construction	Paving-Tech Center	185,004.00
Sunrise Excavating Co.	Hwy 275 Drainage Project	60,109.38
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	5,740.34
First National Bank of Fremont	Retirement Contributions	3,541.00
Central Valley Ag	Service	808.67
PetroMart	Service	1,786.09
Sapp Bros.	Service	2,142.23
Wagner Tire	Service	417.65

Black Hills Energy	Service	74.14
West Point Travel Plaza	Service	98.51
Nichole Hagedorn dba Simmer Down	Loan/Grant	100,000.00
Constellation New Energy	Service	215.17
Madison National Life Ins.	Life Ins.	192.04
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	5,819.67
First National Bank of Fremont	Retirement Contributions	3,578.03
United Healthcare	Health Ins.	49,329.39
NE Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	33,033.22
MEAN/NMPP	Power	318,132.92
Companion Life	Life Ins.	266.55
Auto Value Parts	Supplies	466.74
Bomgaars Supply	Supplies	6,879.17
Border States	Supplies	12,030.18
Bound Tree Medical	Supplies	578.54
Bracht Law	Prof Services	2,376.00
Cardmember Service	Service	138.32
Century Link	Service	1,045.95
Cuming County Public Power	Wheeling Service	5,620.30
Danko Emergency Equipment	Service	334.49
Data Technologies	License Fee/Support	8,116.11
Dugan Business Forms	Supplies	550.50
Dutton Lainson Co.	Supplies	12,631.01
EMS Billing Services	Prof Services	782.96
Floor Maintenance	Supplies	1,216.34
Franciscan Care Services	Meal Service	2,844.80
Gale/Cengage Learning	Books	58.47
Gall's Inc.	Supplies	737.30
Gerhold Concrete Co.	Supplies	602.55
L. P. Gill Inc.	Tipping Fee	11,652.94
Gill Hauling	Hauling Fee	4,593.98
Graybeal's Food	Supplies	53.37
Hawkins Inc.	Supplies	10.00
Hladky Fire & Safety	Service	615.00
Ingram Library Services	Books	803.61
Jackson Services Inc.	Uniform Service	888.40
John A Stahl Library	Cash Adv	53.30
Leisure Lawn Care	Service	789.97
Mahaska	Supplies	324.62
Mail Finance	Service	282.00
Midwest Labs	Service	371.40
Midwest Tape	Supplies	172.22
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Service	321.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Service	67.50

OfficeNet	Supplies	145.87
Office Systems Co.	Service	913.19
One Call Concepts	Service	66.39
Overdrive, Inc.	Books	138.98
Overhead Door Co.	Service	82.75
Presto X	Service	181.00
Quality Printing & Supplies	Supplies	824.94
Seals and Service Inc.	Supplies	106.93
Skywave Wireless	Service	1,649.00
Smidt's Sanitation	Service	177.00
Special Roads Fund	Mechanic Chgs	372.85
Stalp Gravel	Supplies	820.05
USA Blue Book	Supplies	133.02
Verizon Business	Service	135.51
Verizon Wireless	Service	238.06
West Point Library Foundation	Cash Adv	309.03
WPLW	Service	32,148.08
WPLW Operating Fund	Cash Adv	1,763.53
West Point News	Supplies	48.00
West Point Rescue	Ambulance Charges	700.00
Woerner's Garbage Service	Service	235.00
John Adams	Uniform Expense	67.50
Beed Transportation	Service	175.00
Cardiac & Pulmonary Service	CPR Training	480.00
DEMCO	Supplies	23.23
E.I.S. Mfg,	Service	250.00
Elite Computers	Supplies	37.00
EMC Ins. Co.	Premium	4,599.00
Wilma French	Supplies	60.00
Grainger	Supplies	609.53
Hydro Optimization	Service	1,627.76
IIMC	Membership	170.00
J. A. King	Supplies	6,031.00
Jack's Uniforms	Supplies	234.79
Love Signs, Inc.	Service	1,239.37
McKinnis Inc.	Service	1,487.87
MicorMarketing LLC	Books	1,087.84
Midwest Radar & Equipment	Service	80.00
Mobotrex	Supplies	164.00
Modern Marketing	Supplies	382.60
NE Law Enforcement Training	Training	52.00
NE Municipal Clerks Assoc.	Membership	35.00
Norfolk Daily News	Service	60.00
OCLC, Inc.	Service	43.23

Platte Valley Communications	Pagers	1,236.00
Police Chiefs Assoc. of NE	Membership Dues	30.00
Schuetze Plumbing	Supplies	52.00
Stan Houston Equipment	Supplies	4,320.00
Strachan Sales, Inc.	Supplies	33.85
West Point Auto & Truck	Service	1,873.17

Rick Wimer with Inspro Insurance reviewed with the Council the City's general insurance coverage/premium. It was stated that the major area of increase was in the workers comp coverage and also that the city had added new Cyber Liability coverage. Moved by Ell and seconded by Smith, to continue the City's general property and casualty insurance coverage with Employers Mutual Casualty Insurance Companies for one year with a premium of \$241,413.00. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The next issue on the agenda was an update on the water quality issue. Leanne Ritter with Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, appeared before the Council to update the Council on what has been done and what has been found about the water issues over the past month (a copy of said report is attached hereto). She reported that filters #5 and #6 at the water plant did not clean up as well as the other filters after a backwash; looking at slowing the feed to the filters; backwashing the filters with water out of the system rather than out of the clear well which will help to turn the water in the reservoirs over more frequently; a contract with Liquid Engineering has been signed to inspect and clean the water storage reservoirs and the clear well; looking at having a company come to test the media in the filters at the water plant; and looking into the costs for the extension of some water mains in the high-pressure part of the system (east side of the city) to eliminate some of the dead end lines. Mike Williams, who stated he was an agronomist, appeared before the Council concerning the agricultural aspect surrounding our community and offered his services. Lisa Eisenmenger spoke to the Council concerning their continued problems with dirty water at their residence. Deb Schroedter spoke to the Council concerning the lack of communications she had after filing a water quality complaint. So far 14 complaints have been filed (there are 1,700 water

services in the city) The City will continue testing the system and doing inspections and improve communications on the follow up of the water quality complaints.

The Council then considered the Annual Maintenance Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the City relating to the responsibilities/maintenance of the highways within the municipality. There was no change from the previous year in the lane miles being 3.94 lane miles. But there was a change in the cost per lane mile. Last year it was \$1160 per lane mile and the renewal rate is \$1545 per lane mile. Being an increase of \$385 per lane mile. Moved by Ell and seconded by Stokely to approve the Annual Maintenance Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried

The Mayor then announced his appointment of City Administrator, Tom Goulette, as the City's representative on the Cuming County Economic Development Board for a one year term. Moved by Ell, seconded by Swenson, to approve said appointment. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried

Motion made by Swenson and seconded by Smith that the additional following assets to be pledged by the following banks, as security for all deposits of the City in said banks be approved:

Charter West Bank:

<u>Custody No.</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type of Security</u>
3133EGLG8	10/13/2022	\$500,000.00	Federal Farm Credit Bank

F&M Bank:

<u>Custody No.</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type of Security</u>
803770RW8	06/15/2024	\$205,000.00	Sarpy County NE School Dist. #37 G.O. Bonds

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

Moved by Ell, seconded by Stokely, to approve the following applications for Special Designated Liquor Permits under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act:

- (a) Lincoln Street Market for the GACC 125 Booster Club Dinner on January 21, 2019.
- (b) Roadhouse Lounge for the Ducks Unlimited Fundraiser on January 25, 2019.

Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, 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 \$1,429.81. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Hugo. Motion carried.

Following discussion, it was moved by Swenson, seconded by Hugo, to change the following meeting dates: (1) Tuesday, February 5, 2019 to Wednesday, February 6, 2019 and (2) Tuesday, April 2, 2019 to Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried

Smith introduced a resolution to approve Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 and approve Payment No. 2 (final) to Elkhorn Paving Construction Co., Inc. for the Nielsen Career & Technical Training Facility – Parking Lot Improvements in the amount of \$105,535.50. Ell seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Hugo introduced a resolution to approve Change Order Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 and approve Payment No. 7 (final) to Sunrise Excavating Co. for South Highway 275 Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$63,172.23. Stokely seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The City Administrator informed the Council that NMPP Energy has agreed collectively to go together with six other communities to see if a wholesale purchase of solar panels can be done for up to our allocated amount which for West Point is 700 kW. It is hoped that on a volume basis, the cities can buy the panels a lot cheaper and then each community would have its own solar farm. He will keep the Council updated as this progresses.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Ell, to adjourn at 6:35 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC
City Clerk