

MINUTES OF MEETING

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of West Point, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 12:00 o'clock PM on July 29, 2019 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building in West Point, Nebraska.

Present were: Mayor Schlecht; Councilmembers: 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 north wall in the Council Chambers for public information. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

The Mayor then submitted his nominee being Roger Paus to fill the vacancy on the City Council created by the resignation of Councilmember Ell of Ward I. Mr. Paus would fill the unexpired term, being until December, 2020. It was moved by Swenson to approve the appointment of Roger Paus to fill the vacancy on the City Council for Ward I until December, 2020. Lisa Eisenmenger asked to speak before the Council. She stated her concerns about how city government is handling official business and that minimal effort is being done to do what is proper and right. The City is not being transparent and basic information is not available and disrespect is shown to its citizens. A new council person needs to be involved with the public, use facts to make sound decisions, do their own research and uphold policies and laws. But citizens are being shut out of the process. Ryan Penrose appeared before the Council to let them know that he had informed the Mayor that he was interested in filling this position. The Mayor stated that Roger Paus had contacted him first and accepted him to be his nominee. The motion of Swenson to approve the appointment of Roger Paus failed for a lack of a second. It was stated that the time frame to fill the position was four weeks after the regular meeting at which such notice of the vacancy had been presented, which was the reason for calling a special council meeting. The matter will be checked into as to how to proceed.

The next agenda item was to discuss the e-citation program of the West Point Police Department. Police Chief Fisher and Police Sergeant Brett Vance appeared before the Council. Sergeant Vance explained the equipment and software that would be needed for this program at a cost of \$42,167.04, which includes a \$2,000 fee to be on the Dodge County server. The State is mandating that all law enforcement agencies that issue more than 500 citations in a year must do e-citations by January 1, 2020. West Point is the only one in Cuming County that needs to comply with this. A grant has been submitted to the Nielsen Foundation for these costs. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Hugo, to authorize the purchase of the software, equipment, etc. in the amount of \$42,167.04 in order to comply with the e-citaiton program mandated by the State. Voting: Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Buse, to adjourn at 12:26 P.M. Voting Yea: Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Stokely. Motion carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC
City Clerk