

## 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 o'clock P.M. on March 5, 2019 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building in West Point, Nebraska.

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

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

1. City appointed volunteer boards and commissions.
2. Fire & rescue departments – accept memberships and resignations.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Claims.

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

<u>CLAIMS</u>		
Payroll		150,439.58
Western Area Power Administration	Power	8,218.14
Petromart	Service	73.18
West Point Travel Plaza	Service	100.50
Sapp Bros.	Service	2,003.93
Central Valley Ag	Service	480.84
Hugo Plumbing & Heating	Serv/Supplies	13,032.93
Black Hills Energy	Service	77.01
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	5,698.64
First National Bank Fremont	Retirement Contributions	3,548.41
Nebraska Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax	29,810.15
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	6,001.02
First National Bank Fremont	Retirement Contributions	3,742.98
United Healthcare	Health Ins.	52,739.41
Companion Life	Life Ins.	266.55
Madison National Bank	Life Ins.	192.04
MEAN	Power	351,846.32

Advanced Consulting	Prof Services	7,305.00
Auto Value Parts	Supplies	642.79
Black Hills Energy	Service	1,121.47
Bomgaars Supply	Supplies	1,892.57
Border States	Supplies	9,531.05
Bound Tree Medical	Supplies	412.81
Bracht Law	Prof Services	2,331.69
Cardmember Service	Service	1,205.54
Century Link	Service	1,078.32
Chamber of Commerce	Banquet Tickets	240.00
Constellation NewEnergy	Service	2,773.98
Core & Main	Supplies	4,607.64
Cuming County Public Power	Wheeling Service	5,620.30
Danko Emergency Equipment	Supplies	1,469.00
Dinslage Small Engine	Supplies	76.88
Dutton Lainson Co.	Supplies	1,703.66
EMS Billing Service	Prof Services	320.55
Floor Maintenance	Supplies	839.54
Gall's Inc.	Supplies	140.14
Gerhold Concrete Co.	Service	238.48
L. P. Gill Inc.	Tipping Fee	8,181.42
Gill Hauling	Hauling Fee	3,225.38
Graybeal's Food	Supplies	88.35
Ingram	Books	946.54
VOID		0.00
Jackson Services	Uniform Service	888.40
John A Stahl Library	Cash Adv	72.78
League of NE Municipalities	Conference	170.00
Logemann Auto Parts	Supplies	150.64
Mahaska	Supplies	452.10
Mail Finance	Service	282.00
Terry Martin	Service	100.00
Matheson Tri-Gas	Supplies	288.11
MicroMarketing LLC	Books	266.95
Midwest Labs	Service	156.40
Midwest Tape	Supplies	271.75
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Service	297.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Service	67.50
One Call Concept	Service	12.74
Quality Printing & Supplies	Supplies	992.78
St. Joseph's Hillside Villa	Meal Service	2,222.60
Seals and Service	Serv/Supplies	1,383.93
Skywave Wireless	Service	225.00
Smidt's Sanitation	Service	177.00

Special Roads Fund	Mechanic Chgs	415.69
Sunrise Excavating	Snow Removal	5,085.00
Total Funds	Postage	600.00
USA Blue Book	Supplies	670.27
Verizon Business	Service	103.75
Verizon Wireless	Service	279.73
Vrbicky Computer Service	Service	312.50
Wagner Tire	Service	176.75
West Point Library Foundation	Cash Adv	763.32
WPLW	Service	40,754.89
WPLW Operating Fund	Cash Adv	2,249.70
West Point News	Publication Costs	833.64
West Point Rescue	Ambulance Charges	900.00
West Point True Value	Supplies	679.07
Woerner's Garbage Service	Service	235.00
Agrivision Equipment Group	Supplies	428.21
Asphalt & Concrete Materials	Supplies	576.44
Cardiac and Pulmonary Service	Training	720.00
Cuming County Treasurer	Alarm Service	600.00
Dave's Drycleaning	Service	67.00
DHHS/ Drinking Water	Pool - Permit	40.00
Elite Computers	Serv/Supplies	3,517.85
Grainger	Supplies	83.24
Heartland Scenic Studio	Supplies	92.26
Heiman Fire Equipment	Supplies	192.27
Hydraulic Equipment Service	Service	2,412.50
Midwest Service & Sales	Supplies	2,981.10
NE Dept of Transportation	Maint Agreement	4,570.40
Northeast NE Economic Dev	Prof Services	210.00
OCLC, Inc.	Service	43.23
Overdrive, Inc.	Service	138.00
Road Builders	Supplies	91.12
Schlickbernd's Appliance	Equipment	3,257.00
Southeast Community College	Training	636.50
Vermeer High Plains	Service	48.16

John Zwingman of Advanced Consulting Engineering Services appeared before the Council and reviewed with the Council the following four options for rehabilitation of the water treatment plant:

1. Media similar to what was initially installed: not an option due to lack of desired removal rate.

2. Chemically treated media: new media installed coated with a chemical treatment to get it reseeded faster and increase removal rate of manganese and iron. Estimated cost \$110,000
3. Green Sand: not an option because it was not compatible with our existing tanks.
4. Layne Ox: is an engineered media filtration system for removal of iron and manganese, along with arsenic and hydrogen sulfide. There are two alternatives using this system:
  - (a) Retrofit of existing tanks but this option runs the risk of not getting the tanks recertified. Estimated construction cost \$430,000.
  - (b) Replacement of filters 5 and 6: removal of filters 5 and 6 and installation of pre-engineered package treatment system, piping, controls and electrical work. Estimated construction cost \$775,000.

It was Mr. Zwingman's recommendation to proceed with the replacement of filters 5 and 6 with a pre-engineered new filtration system. This would provide the best long-term solution for the removal of iron and manganese in the system. These two new tanks, six compartment system, would provide a capacity of 3.1 million gallons per day and the remaining four filters would eventually be removed. The City's peak usage has been approximately 1.5 million gallons per day.

Following discussion, Hugo introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR A NEW FILTRATION SYSTEM AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS PREPARED BY THE CITY'S ENGINEER AND DIRECTING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of West Point, Nebraska, that the estimate of costs for a new filtration system at the Water Treatment Plant is \$775,000 and that the plans and specifications as prepared by the City's Engineer for said project are approved and the City Clerk is authorized to advertise for bids for said project in the West Point News upon approval of the project by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Swenson seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Dave Wimmer of the Park Board and Doug Moritz appeared before the Council to give a Tree Report. The report consisted of a breakdown of the trees located on city property which would be the city parks and the rights-of-way, totaling 2,647 trees of which 465 are ash trees; listing the top varieties of these trees; and the situation with the Emerald Ash Borer. They explained what action can be taken to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer infestation and reported that in 2018, 30 ash trees were removed from the parks and replaced with a variety of trees. The plan for 2019 is to

remove another 30 trees and replace them with 28 various tree types.

At the meeting last month, the Council gave their approval for the West Point Police Department to apply for a grant through the Donald E. Nielsen Foundation for four fully equipped vehicles for the police department. Swenson requested that this item be on the agenda again for further review. He stated that after giving the matter further thought, if the Nielsen Foundation would be willing, he would like to see a 2-year rotation in which the City could get two new cars every two years and his other concern was with the storage of the vehicles. Police Chief Mike Fisher and Police Sergeant Brett Vance were present to address these concerns. Following discussion, the Council decided to keep the application request for four new vehicles.

The next agenda item being the replacing of the Chamber sign along Highway 275 which includes a new Lease Agreement with Charter West Bank and a Digital Sign Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce was tabled as Charter West Bank was still reviewing the lease.

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

- (a) Roadhouse Lounge for Cuming County Fair Foundation Dance on April 7, 2019.
- (b) Roadhouse Lounge for Cuming County Development Awards Dinner on April 14, 2019.
- (c) Roadhouse Lounge for West Point Baseball Fish Fry on April 19, 2019.
- (d) Roadhouse Lounge for Cuming County Feeders Banquet on April 27, 2019.

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

The Council had previously decided to reschedule the April meeting to Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It has now been requested to change the meeting date to Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. It was moved by Swenson and seconded by Buse that the April council meeting be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Buse, and Smith. Nay: Hugo. Motion carried.

The Council then considered the second reading of ordinance No. 1404 for the annexation and dedication of approximately one acre of land directly north of the travel plaza. Ordinance No. 1404 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4 SW1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23) TOWNSHIP TWENTY-TWO (22) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6), EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA AS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN TO BE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ADDITION N, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WEST POINT, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE ANNEXATION PLAT; TO ACCEPT THE PLAT AND DEDICATION OF ADDITION N, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WEST POINT, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA; REPEALING 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,

was then read by title only. Motion was made by Hugo and seconded by Stokely to approve Ordinance No. 1404 on its second reading. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried. Whereupon the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 1404 approved on its second reading.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Ell, to adjourn at 7:13 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Ell, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC  
City Clerk