

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 January 7, 2020 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building in 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 north wall in the Council Chambers for public information. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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

1. City appointed volunteer boards and commissions -- Donald E. Nielsen Community Center Advisory Board - appointment of Chris Peatrowsky to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Wordekemper and appointment of Carla Streff to replace Kacie Borchers.
2. Fire & rescue departments – accept memberships and resignations - none.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Claims.
6. Payment to City of West Point in the amount of \$805.00 for administrative services regarding CDBG Revolving Loan Fund and the Housing Rehab Fund.

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

<u>CLAIMS</u>		
Payroll		165,155.99
Hugo Plumbing & Heating	Serv/Supplies	27,677.44
Auto Value Parts	Supplies	486.73
Inspro Ins.	Ins. Premium	261,477.00
Western Area Power Administration	Power	8,095.44
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	6,094.83
First National Bank - Fremont	Retirement Contributions	3,855.78
Layne Christensen Co.	Wtr Treatment Project	204,347.50
Nebuda Hauling	Sludge Hauling	22,245.30
West Point Implement Inc.	Skid Loader	43,925.00
Black Hills Energy	Service	65.70
Central Valley Ag	Service	687.47

PetroMart	Service	101.56
Sapp Bros.	Service	1,005.17
West Point Travel Plaza	Service	100.35
Wagner Tire and Service	Service	2,787.40
City of West Point Payroll Tax Fund	Employer FICA	6,514.67
First National Bank - Fremont	Retirement Contributions	3,678.08
United Healthcare	Health Ins.	53,147.47
MEAN	Power	311,324.79
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax	27,400.02
Companion Life	Life Ins.	266.55
Madison National Life Ins.	Life Ins.	188.41
Knobbe Restaurants	Loan/Grant	100,000.00
Advanced Consulting Engineering	Prof Services	1,598.02
Auto Value Parts	Supplies	360.28
Black Hills Energy	Service	1,077.09
Bomgaars Supply	Supplies	463.56
Border States	Supplies	2,728.61
Bound Tree Medical	Supplies	78.92
Cardmember Service	Service	652.28
Century Link	Service	1,015.55
Constellation NewEnergy	Service	1,284.35
Core & Main	Supplies	1,634.27
Cuming County Rural Water	Service	126.00
Cuming County Public Power	Wheeling Service	5,756.03
Danko Emergency Equipment	Supplies	67.11
Dinslage Small Engine	Supplies	56.51
Dutton Lainson Co.	Supplies	285.32
Engelhardt TV	Serv/Supplies	2,804.00
Floor Maintenance	Supplies	2,118.24
Gale/Cengage Learning	Books	68.71
Gall's Inc.	Supplies	409.71
Gerhold Concrete	Supplies	537.60
L. P. Gill Inc.	Tipping Fee	8,329.88
Gill Hauling	Hauling Fee	3,283.92
Hawkins Inc.	Supplies	410.87
Ingram Library Service	Books	374.90
Jackson Services	Uniform Service	892.52
John A Stahl Library	Cash Adv	107.64
Logemann Auto Parts	Supplies	252.71
Mahaska	Supplies	370.60
Matheson Tri-Gas	Supplies	383.00
MicroMarketing	Books	334.45
Midwest Labs	Service	99.35
Midwest Tape	Supplies	281.68

Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	Service	838.00
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool	Service	3,385.00
OfficeNet	Serv/Supplies	265.93
One Call Concepts	Service	76.46
Overdrive, Inc.	Books	45.00
Overhead Door Co.	Service	194.85
Presto X	Service	65.00
Quality Printing & Supplies	Supplies	427.24
Quick Med Claims	Prof Services	1,342.33
S & W Welding	Supplies	912.00
St. Joseph's Hillside Villa	Meal Service	2,170.00
Schinstock Painting	Service	6,685.40
Schmader Electric	Service	5,518.45
Seals and Service	Serv/Supplies	1,291.93
Skywave Wireless	Service	546.20
Smidt's Sanitation	Service	177.00
Special Roads Fund	Mechanic Chgs	779.36
Stalp Gravel	Serv/Supplies	3,181.79
Sunrise Excavating	Snow Removal	3,477.50
Verizon Business	Service	79.79
Verizon Wireless	Service	316.68
Welch Law Firm	Prof Services	105.00
West Point Implement	Supplies	154.04
West Point Library Foundation	Supplies	1,272.62
WPLW	Service	36,193.80
WPLW Operating Fund	Cash Adv	2,361.49
West Point News	Publication Costs	490.69
West Point Rescue	Ambulance Charges	700.00
West Point True Value	Supplies	641.23
Woerner's Garbage Service	Service	267.00
Advanced Graphix	Serv/Supplies	990.00
Best Point Web Design	Service	2,605.00
Police Chiefs Association	Membership	30.00
Creative Xpressions	Supplies	29.95
Donner Industrial	Service	58.50
Electronic Contracting	Service	122.00
Elite Computers	Serv/Supplies	1,889.50
Engelmeyer Repair	Supplies	3,770.10
Ernesti Tree Service	Service	4,690.00
F & M Bank	Box Rent	54.00
Grainger	Supplies	54.57
Hank's Front End Service	Service	142.50
Heiman Fire Equipment	Supplies	50.81
Hladky Fire & Safety	Service	505.00

Hofeling Enterprises	Service	6,700.00
J. A. King	Service	400.00
Jack's Uniforms	Supplies	4,888.38
Jensen Plumbing	Service	1,365.70
JEO Consulting Group	Prof Services	4,390.00
Johnsen Corrosion	Service	912.00
Jones Automotive	Supplies	1,492.54
Dale Knievel	Service	111.97
Chris Kreikemeier	Travel Expense/Supplies	131.92
Love Signs	Supplies	2,517.58
MC2, Inc.	Supplies	2,910.42
Mid-States Organized Crime	Membership	100.00
Midwest Radar & Equipment	Service	80.00
Nebraska Auto Repair	Service	48.00
North American Truck	Supplies	77.49
Northeast Instant Rain	Service	80.00
NWEA	Membership	15.00
OCLC, Inc.	Service	44.85
David Schroedter	Training	110.00
Strachan Sales	Supplies	495.00
Traffic Safety Warehouse	Supplies	142.67
Uline	Supplies	10,037.47

Rick Wimer of Inspro Insurance appeared before the Council concerning the renewal of the City's health insurance plan which renewal is February 1st. Mr. Wimer stated that renewing the city's current plan would result in a 20% increase in premium. The current plan with United Healthcare has a \$1,000 deductible and then 50/50 coinsurance. Upon review of the various plans, it was his recommendation to go with a plan with a \$2,000 deductible and then 80/20 coinsurance which would still result in a 13% increase. The City had budgeted for a 10% increase. Following discussion, it was moved by Smith, seconded by Stokely, to contract with United Healthcare through Inspro Insurance for the City's health insurance coverage for 02/01/2020 to 01/31/2021 for the plan with the \$2,000 deductible and 80/20 coinsurance. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The City Administrator report, on behalf of the LB 840 Citizens Advisory Review Committee, that the Committee met and considered the application from Beed Enterprises, LLC (Jeromy Beed). Mr. Beed wants to start a towing and roadside service company. This would be a loan/grant in the

total amount of \$15,000 with a \$7,500 loan for 3 years with no interest and a \$7,500 grant prorated with the term of the loan. The LB 840 Citizens Advisory Review Committee is recommending that it be approved. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Penrose to approve the application of Beed Enterprises, LLC for loan/grant from the LB 840 Economic Development Funds as outlined above. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The next agenda item being the speed limits and traffic along Hwy 275. The City Administrator reported that he has put in a request with the Nebraska Department of Transportation to do a traffic study for Hwy 275 through the city and recommendations for speed limits. It was also suggested to contact the NDOT about having a traffic light by West Point Travel Plaza.

The City Administrator advised that the city has received the three new 2020 Ford pickups and is seeking authorizing to dispose of two pickups. Following discussion, Buse introduced a resolution stating that the City of West Point is the owner in fee simple absolute of certain personal property, as follows:

1990 Dodge Pickup
1992 Chevrolet Pickup

having a value of less than \$5,000 and authorizing the sale of said vehicles by auction, bid, or scrap/salvage and that notice of sale shall be posted in three prominent places within the City for a period of not less than seven days prior to the sale. Swenson seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The Council considered an ordinance on setting the hours when fireworks could be sold and discharged. At the present time, there are no restrictions. Following discussion, the matter was tabled in order to get more feedback.

The Nebraska Department of Revenue has changed how it handles the Annual Certification for the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act. The necessary forms need to be completed by a certification administrator who has been approved by the governing body and the administrators then upload the forms to the Department of Revenue portal. The Mayor appointed Jeff McGill as the

certification administrator for West Point Volunteer Fire Department and Nicole O'Brien as the certification administrator for West Point Rescue. Moved by Hugo and seconded by Penrose to approve said appointments. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Stokely, seconded by Buse, to approve the following applications for Special Designated Liquor Permits:

- (a) Roadhouse Lounge for the FFA Alumni Banquet on January 25, 2020.
- (b) Guardian Angels Central Catholic for Trivia Night on February 7, 2020.
- (c) Roadhouse Lounge for the Chamber of Commerce Partners in Progress Banquet on February 16, 2020.
- (d) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on February 26, 2020.
- (e) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on February 28, 2020.
- (f) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 6, 2020.
- (g) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 13, 2020.
- (h) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 20, 2020.
- (i) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 27, 2020.
- (j) Lincoln Street Market for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on April 3, 2020.
- (k) Roadhouse Lounge for the Chamber Ag Appreciation on March 10, 2020.

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

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Stokely, to approve the claim of Hugo Plumbing & Heating for services and supplies in the amount of \$5,596.20. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, and Smith. Nay: None. Abstaining: Hugo. Motion carried.

The Council agreed to move the April Council meeting from Tuesday, April 7th to Wednesday, April 8th with the time remaining at 5:30 PM.

On the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project, several citizens were in attendance expressing concerns on the time it is taking to get this project started and the lack of communications. It was stated that the revised plans and specifications would be to the Department of Environment and Energy this week. The three new filters should be delivered the end of January or early February, of

which the City has paid \$350,310.00 to date and another payment request is before the Council. Penrose introduced a resolution to approve payment to Layne Christensen Company for the West Point Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$102,173.75. Stokely seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Smith introduced a resolution to approve the following change orders and payments to A & R Construction Co. for the West Point Trails and Pathways Project:

1. Payment No. 4 of Phase I in the amount of \$104,770.60 and Change Orders 2 & 3,
2. Payment No. 5 of Phase III in the amount of \$32,429.49 and Change Orders 2, 3, & 4,

and authorize payment in the total amount of \$137,200.09. Swenson seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

The City Administrator reported that the City has received a grant from the Nebraska Natural Resources District of \$1.2 million for the improvement of the levee system. This grant along with the funding from the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District in the amount of \$1.7 million should cover most of the costs of the improvement of the levee system.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Stokely, to adjourn at 6:36 P.M. Voting Yea: Stokely, Penrose, Swenson, Buse, Hugo, and Smith. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mary Kempf, MMC
City Clerk