

The Board of Public Works of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on the 6th day of September, 2014 at 4:00 o'clock p.m., in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice, a copy of the same showing the advance time by which such advance publicized notice was given, a statement of how the availability of an agenda of then known subjects was communicated and the time and specific place of the holding of this meeting. Each member was previously furnished with a copy of said advance publicized notice, the same having been transmitted to each member simultaneously with its publicized notice. The Chairman presided and the Secretary recorded the proceedings. The Chairman read a statement of availability of current copy of the Open Meeting Act.

The following members of the Board of Public Works were present: Fred Pooch, Dan Blessing and Lynn Campbell. Absent: None. Others present: Doug Goracke, Mike Davison, Paula Darling, Tracy Milke, Bill Montz, Lavern Bartels, Bruce Dalluge and Ray Kappell.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Blessing, to approve the minutes of the 4:00p.m. September 8, 2014 regular meeting and the 7:00 p.m. September 8, 2014 special meeting. Yeas: Blessing, Pooch and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Blessing, to approve payment of bills. Yeas: Blessing, Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blessing, seconded by Campbell, to approve Olsson's pay request for Gen-Mech in the amount of \$40,554.90. Yeas: Pooch, Blessing and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

Water operator Milke distributed the water and wastewater report. He mentioned that the prison water tower was drained and cleaned and that the new meters and pressure gauges on the wells had been installed. HOA has installed and connected the biggest share of the new communications equipment for the new well system and the new system is currently running. The new well is not in service as they are waiting for the chemical injection completion and the inspection by the state. Foreman Goracke has been in contact with NioCorp regarding a place for them to dispose of the water they are pumping for well samples. Goracke stated he had spoken with Jim Condon, of Olsson Associates, and he thought they could dispose up to 1,000,000 gallons without affecting our retention ponds. The Board told Goracke to tell NioCorp they can release up to 1,000,000 gallons into the city's sewer retention ponds for a one-time fee of \$1,000. Extra care will need to be taken in order not to damage the property surrounding the ponds.

Lavern Bartels addressed the Board regarding disconnecting the water service at 136 North 5<sup>th</sup> as they are paying minimum charges for water that is never used. City Attorney Dalluge stated that a public sewer must be attached to all buildings/residences that are occupied. Bartels replied he only wants the water disconnected. Board members asked Foreman Goracke and Davison to call communities similar in size to Tecumseh and ask what their policies are regarding this issue and then report to the Board at the next meeting.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve transferring the City of Tecumseh's Responsible Charge duties to the Nebraska Department of Roads for all street projects involving federal grant funds. Yeas: Campbell, Blessing and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Blessing, to approve Resolution No. 14-04 of the Board of Public Works for the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, setting wastewater treatment facility allocations for large general service users that are not controlled by contract. The suspended solids allocation would go to 550 pounds per day with all other allocations remaining the same. Yeas: Campbell, Pooch and Blessing. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Pooch, to approve setting the base monthly sewer rate at \$39,659.58 for the large general service contract user effective for October 2014 usage. Yeas: Blessing, Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

Motion Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve Resolution No. 14-05 of the Board of Public Works for the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska establishing sewer rates for residential, general, large general and municipal users; providing sewer sampling additions; providing interceptor installation additions; providing discharger

cost additions; providing for late payment additions; providing an effective date; and repealing prior resolutions. The non-contract general service customer would have a suspended solids allocation of 550 pounds per day and a sewer rate of \$10,566.60 per month. Yeas: Pooch, Campbell and Blessing. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

Board members will review the recommendations from NMPP regarding Tecumseh's water rates at the March 2015 meeting. Foreman Davison asked for a breakdown of all NMPP fees/charges paid by the Tecumseh utility department.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Blessing, to approve the purchase of a cell phone booster for the wells. The cost should not exceed \$500. Yeas: Pooch, Blessing and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

As there was no bid for boring under the railroad at 5<sup>th</sup> Street at the time of the meeting, the Board will delay its decision until the November meeting.

No action was taken regarding the water bill of Dr. Keith Shuey.

Foreman Goracke distributed a report on recent power outages to each Board member. He stated that relays had been readjusted and new switch gear ordered. Any problems that were found have been repaired or addressed and a section of underground service will be replaced near High Street.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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Lynn Campbell

Secretary

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Dan Blessing

Chairman