

Tecumseh, Nebraska  
May 2, 2011

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at City Utility Shop on the 2nd day of May, 2011, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advanced publicized notice.

### **Routine Business**

Mayor Montz read a statement of availability of current copy of Open Meeting Act.

The following Council Members were present: Charles Murphy, Larry Carmine, Boyd Mattox, and Beth Rossi. Absent: Bill Baum, Jim Rine.

Others present: Jim Borrenpohl, Teresa Borrenpohl, Pat Bane, Rich Bane, Kevin Burnison, Regina Doty, Tom Sherman, Ann Wicket, Sheriff Walton, Bruce Dalluge, Ann Curry, and Doug Goracke.

Mayor Montz stated that agenda item #7c under the Regular Agenda was added on 4-29-2011 at 11:30 a.m. Motion made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve this addition to the Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Regular Agenda**

Mayor Montz presented Jim Borrenpohl with the "2010 Volunteer of the Year" award for his work with the Cornerstone Building and giving of himself so generously with no personal gain. Councilmembers joined in congratulating Jim, and felt he was very deserving of the award.

Regina Doty made a request of the Council to block off the north side of the square for a beer garden and other activities for the All-School Reunion on July 2 and 3 at the northeast and northwest corners of Broadway with Clay Street to remain open, and presented a list of signatures to the Council in support of the request. Councilmember Carmine, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve blocking off the square as requested. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Kevin Burnison talked to the Council about the City's application for Transportation Enhancement Funds to assist with downtown revitalization plans. This would be an 80/20 match. The City would apply for the grant from a historic preservation aspect to help provide funding to restore the brick streets. The total funds requested for the grant would be \$792,000. Motion made by Councilmember Mattox, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, to approve submitting an Intent to Apply form to the State by the May 20 deadline. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Jim Seckman stated that the Fire Department had been busy with grass fires and CRP burns. The master cylinder had to be replaced in the City fire truck. Bruce Dalluge reported that the merger of the City and Rural fire departments is proceeding as planned, with the actual merger still a couple of months from completion.

Larry Carmine reported that employees had been busy sealing the pool. Doug Goracke estimated costs of repair to be under \$3500. Motion made by Councilmember Mattox, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, to approve hiring temporary summer help for the pool and ball programs as follows: Scotty Gottula, coach for 18 and under softball; Keisha Beethe, coach for 16 and under softball; Justin Miller, Senior baseball coach; Nate Seitz, Junior baseball coach, Justin Kosmicki, field coordinator and chief umpire; Tom Doran, pool manager; Issac Tubbesing, assistant pool manager; Shelby Reilly, head lifeguard; Madeline Beadell, Chelsea Borrenpohl, Jennifer Carnagey, Bryce Crist, Laynee Davision, Cassie Tucker, Brittany Wolken, lifeguards; Keshia Beethe, Clare Campbell, Logan Dorsey, Cole Hamilton, Courtney Johnson, Amy Pearson, Danae Stuhr, substitute lifeguards. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmember Murphy made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mattox, to leave the prices for pool fees the same as the previous year. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Doug Goracke reported that approx. \$800 has been expended on the street sweeper for repairs on the air compressor, lights and brushes, but that it appeared to be working well. Paul Buss suggested that overlay work be postponed on 6<sup>th</sup> Street this year, and include it with additional blocks on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for a larger project at a later date. He had received a quote of .55/linear foot for crack sealing using compressed air, and felt it would cost approximately \$12,000 for crack sealing in different areas. He had an estimate of \$7600 for asphalt work on the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> and Clay vs. \$5000 to \$6000

for concrete. The Council felt that the intersection could be repaired with concrete this year with the rest of the street done later or included with another street project. Councilmember Mattox asked if grades had been shot on the corner to see what needs to be done. Paul was instructed to discuss options with Olssons and report back at the next meeting.

It was reported that the Community Building upgrades for the furnaces, lighting and insulation were about half done. A leak had been found and repaired in the side of the building. Motion made by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Mattox, to approve payment to Gen-Mech Contractor's in the amount of \$32,341.50 per Pay Application #1 on the energy grant. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Mattox, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve Amendment to Budget on EECBG Grant to shift the amount shown on "Supplies" line item to "Contractual" line item. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Kevin Burnison explained this amendment is necessary to comply with the terms of the grant and is required for funding to be approved, and will not change the total dollar amount.

Bruce Dalluge discussed the possibility of changing city code to allow ATVs and utility vehicles to be driven on City streets. State Statute now allows for these vehicles to be driven on City streets under certain circumstances and only during certain times of the day. Liability insurance is required and the vehicles need to carry safety flags, however no license is required. After discussing the pros and cons, no action was taken.

Sheriff Scott Walton distributed lists of calls made and citations issued during the previous months by the Department.

Motion made by Mattox, seconded by Murphy, to approve the sale of the 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 pickup for \$22,100.00 to the City of Schuyler. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. It was decided to make a decision on the sale of the 1997 Ford Explorer at the June meeting.

Mayor Montz reported that the site visit on April 18 by representatives from DED went well and commended Doug Goracke and Paula Darling for their hard work and a job well-done. Doug Goracke reported that E/D has 4 projects pending in the downtown area, and that the drilling company mining rare earth minerals in the area will be filling an office space on the north side of the square.

In the Utility Superintendent's Report, Doug Goracke stated that the pressure pump needed to be replaced at the standpipe, rental charges on equipment/labor had been updated, and there will be an electrical service upgrade at the school.

The bid for repairs to the outside of the foundation to City Hall received from TREMCO will be tabled until further review. It was felt their bid was high, and the Council will wait until they receive another bid before any decision is made.

The Councilmembers were reminded that the City Clerk would like their input on the budget, and they will be contacted with a date to meet and work on items that they feel should be included in next year's budget.

### **Consent Agenda**

Doug Goracke stated that the Contract for Street Lighting EECBG Project with Kriz-Davis as shown on the Consent Agenda does not reflect the extra 25+ fixtures that may be purchased as part of the energy grant.

Motion made by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Mattox, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1. Approve minutes of April 4, 2011 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Approve recommendation from SENDD to award contract on owner occupied rehab applicants 09-TEC-006 and applicant 09-TEC-013
4. Approve Olsson Associates Project No. #10-2167 contract documents with Kriz Davis Company, regarding the Tecumseh Street Lighting EECBG Project for \$117,078.00

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 o'clock p.m.

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK      Ann Curry

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MAYOR      William J. Montz, Sr.