

Tecumseh, Nebraska
January 9, 2012

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Board Room at City Utility Shop on the 9th day of January, 2012 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: Jim Rine, Larry Carmine, Bill Baum, Kimberly Jansen, Charles Murphy and Beth Rossi. Absent: None.

Others present: Ann Wicket, Officer Andrew Schroeder, Bruce Dalluge, Paula Darling, Max Manes, Shayne Huxoll, Mike Davison and Doug Goracke.

Clerk Darling asked that the Council make the following correction to the posted agenda: change dollar amounts on Consent Agenda item #3 to \$5,300 and \$6,500.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing opened at 7:07 p.m. with Shayne Huxoll of Olsson Associates presenting and distributing the City of Tecumseh's Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Initiative Plan and explained that the plan focused on enhancing Option D from the original Town Hall Meeting last February. The document summarized the steering committee meetings which addressed ADA compliance from parking stalls to business entrances, utilities, streets and sidewalks. It has yet to identify development opportunities regarding downtown housing above businesses and uniformity of business facades, but it will be included in the completed study. Additional amenities such as planters, landscaping and wayfinding signs will be included as well. As there were no comments from the public, the hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Rine, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the City of Tecumseh's Phase I Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Initiative Plan. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Rine, seconded by Councilmember Rossi to approve submitting the City of Tecumseh's Downtown Revitalization Plan and the Nebraska Community Development Block Grant Phase II application for the proposed project activities. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Auditor Max Manes of Schultz & Associates P.C. presented the 2010-2011 fiscal year audit report and commended the Council for doing a good job. All accounts were in order and the City is financially sound.

Officer Andrew Schroeder distributed the Sheriff's report on Sheriff Walton's behalf. No questions were asked.

Motion by Councilmember Baum, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, to nominate Larry Carmine as President of the Council, to cease nominations and unanimously elect him as such. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Council asked Clerk Darling to investigate ADA compliance issues before moving forward with submitting a pre-application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development Civic and Community Center Financing Fund for upgrades to the Tecumseh Community Building.

E.D. Director Goracke mentioned that there is still money available for the home buyer assistance program and the board gave out two more downtown revitalization grants.

Goracke reported that he had received estimates from Olsson Associates on a 2" mill and overlay on 2nd Street from Greeley to Clay for \$130,661.00 and the removal and replacement of the concrete street, curb and gutter on 6th St from Lincoln to Broadway for \$126,772.00 and that this will be going on the 1 & 6 Year Street Plan. He also stated that they will be working on crack sealing and patching as long as the weather holds. City Attorney Dalluge reported on the live auction for the street department property procedure and Councilmember Rine moved to hold the live auction on Jan. 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall following 3 weeks of advertising. The winning bidder will be required to make a 10% down-payment and sign a purchase agreement. Councilmember Baum seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Rine, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve sending Ann Curry to the Nebraska Municipal Clerk Institute March 12-16 in Kearney, NE. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Rine, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve allowing Paula Darling to attend the Nebraska Department of Roads: Responsible Charge onsite training March 19-23 in Lincoln, NE with all training, mileage, hotel and meal expenses paid by the Nebraska Department of Roads. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve paying for half of the City Clerk's new computer and associated other hardware with a cost of approximately \$700 for the City's share. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Utility and Public Properties Foreman Goracke distributed the Utility report and explained the mandatory Power Plant upgrades that will soon be implemented.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Rine, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1. Approve minutes of December 5, 2011 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. *Change made to dollar amount 1-6-12:* Approval of EECDBG Amendment #5 (Energy Efficiency Community Development Block Grant) which would shift \$4,000 from the remaining funds of the Community Building/Booster Pump portion of the grant to the Street Lighting budget in order to purchase additional street lights and installation of new store front windows and one door related installation/labor and materials with price to be between \$5,300 and \$6,500.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.