

The Board of Public Works of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on the 3rd day of November, 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 and Dan Blessing. Absent: Lynn Campbell. Others present: Doug Goracke, Mike Davison, Paula Darling, Tracy Milke, Bill Montz, Lavern Bartels, Bruce Dalluge and Ray Kappell.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Blessing, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 regular meeting. Yeas: Blessing and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Campbell. Motion carried.

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

City Attorney Dalluge stated that the final invoice for work done by Gen-Mech on the well project will soon be on its way and that it would be best if someone from the Board could join Doug and himself in either a conference call or in a face-to-face meeting with Olsson Associates to discuss the costs associated with the delay in the substantial completion of this project. In this way, Board members would be better prepared to discuss possible liquidated damages. The City Attorney offered to facilitate the meeting and Board members will discuss the results at the December meeting.

Motion by Blessing, seconded by Pooch, to approve Olsson's pay request for Gen-Mech in the amount of \$56,226.15. Yeas: Pooch and Blessing. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Campbell. Motion carried.

Motion by Blessing, seconded by Pooch, to approve the bid for \$9,135.00 from Sargent Irrigation to install 2 check valves at the prison booster station. Yeas: Pooch and Blessing. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Campbell. Motion carried.

Water operator Milke distributed the water and wastewater report. He mentioned that Well No.1 is now operational. There are a few minor issues with one of the chlorine pumps and the SCADA system has yet to be fine tuned. He also stated that the mixer at the lift station is being repaired.

Foremen Goracke and Davison reported on the research they had done on water disconnect policies of other communities. Of all the communities contacted, Syracuse was the only town that did have a policy regarding disconnecting water in occupied businesses or residences.

Motion by Blessing, seconded by Pooch, to deny the request to disconnect the water service at 134 North 5th Street. Yeas: Blessing and Pooch, Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Campbell. Motion carried.

Clerk Darling asked if there were any questions regarding the information sheet on NMPP charges and fees paid by Tecumseh utilities and Foreman Davison asked that we be sure and review the next rate study contract to make sure it does not include a sewer rate study charge.

Foreman Goracke stated he had nothing to report regarding the cost to bore under the rail road on 5th Street.

City Attorney Dalluge reviewed a proposal to change the meeting date of the Board of Public Works and a change to City Code Section 2-217 which would provide when City Council approval is needed for Board of Public Works' purchases and indebtedness. He stated that he has found in his discussions with other communities that the present \$20,000 limit would still be appropriate. Board member Blessing asked what would happen in the event of an emergency and Dalluge stated there would be an exception to the limit if there was an emergency, which would allow employees to make purchases over that amount. He stated that no decisions would be made right away.

Foreman Davison reported that utility employees had been repairing water leaks and that most of the city property winterization had been done. Both Davison and Goracke mentioned that the buried electric lines behind Dave Wilson's house should be added to the 2015-2016 budget.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Lynn Campbell

Secretary

Dan Blessing

Chairman