

The Board of Public Works of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on the 2nd day of March, 2015 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. Fred Pooch served as Chairman until the Chairman arrived 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 Lynn Campbell with Dan Blessing arriving at 4:10 p.m. Absent: None. Others present: Doug Goracke, Mike Davison, Paula Darling, Tracy Milke, Shayne Huxoll, Ken Fairchild, Mayor Montz, Ann Wickett and Bruce Dalluge.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Pooch, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 regular meeting and February 11, 2015 special meeting. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

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

Board members reviewed the water/wastewater report as distributed by Tracy Milke. Milke stated that the SCADA computer and dialer has been installed and is working correctly and that MC<sup>2</sup> and pulsafeder representatives were working on the chemical injection skids at the well. He also stated that Casey Bohling recently received his Grade 1 wastewater certification.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve the next wage step increase for Casey Bohling relevant to the completion of the water and wastewater certifications. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Foreman Goracke reported that he has concerns about becoming a member of the SE Nebraska Training Group sponsored by NMPP Energy as he still does not know the cost of membership. He was told it would not be more than \$1.00 per capita but no concrete costs have been discussed. The question of membership was tabled until more information could be gotten on membership costs.

Board members discussed what can be done to change the current policy on who should be responsible for the unpaid utility bills of rental properties. City Attorney Dalluge stated he would discuss options with the billing department and the utility foremen and will get back to the Board with ideas.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve contracting with Olsson Associates to build a water model to ensure the City and Tecumseh Poultry has adequate water pressure once Tecumseh Poultry's expansion is complete. Yeas: Pooch, Blessing and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

Representatives of Olsson Associates, Shayne Huxoll and Ken Fairchild, discussed the process and outcome of the upcoming electric service model. The strategy used to design the model will start by updating, if need be, the electric distribution map of the City. They will then take into consideration the history of the peaks over the last 5 years and then build into the model any possible growth or increases anticipated to the electric load over the next 5- and 10-year periods. They will also consider the age of the underground service and replacement costs and determine the immediate need for the electric service to the new fire barn. They will also develop contingency plans for potential problems. They also stated that they would like to take over the federal regulatory reporting that is now being done by NMPP for the City.

Foreman Goracke reported utility employees will again start trimming trees and that they are looking at replacing some problem electric lines in the area east of North 5<sup>th</sup> Street. He has also been talking with a company about armor coating gravel and concrete roads in the city.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 4:58p.m.

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Lynn Campbell

Secretary

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Dan Blessing

Chairman