

Minutes
Board of Public Works
October 2, 2017

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 October, 2017 at 4:00 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 Chair presided and the City Clerk recorded the proceedings.

The following members of the Board of Public Works were present: Dan Blessing, Lynn Campbell, and Charles Murphy. Absent: None. Others present: 4 staff members, City Attorney, 1 media outlet, and Ken Fairchild and Adam Fritz from Olsson Associates..

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M.

Chair Blessing read the statement of availability of current copy of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting were provided to members via mail. Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the minutes as received. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills – Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to approve the payment of bills. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Water/Wastewater Report. Tracy Milke provided the report to the board. A new curb stop was installed at the new vet clinic on 12th Street, a new water service was installed for Wolken's east on Hwy. 136, replaced a seal in booster clay valve, working on sewer main cleaning and lining, replaced a pressure relief valve in the gas building, and investigating a problem with Well #6.

Electric Rate Study Results – Ken Fairchild and Adam Fritz from Olsson Associates reviewed the study results with the board. Reviewed the difference between a sufficiency study and a rate study, reviewed the inputs for the test year (using FY 15/16 revenues and expenses), and then added adjustments for anticipated future bond costs and capital improvements. The study shows a recommendation of a 4.85% electric rate increase applied across all classes.

Resolution #17-5 Approving Electric Rates for the City of Tecumseh, State of Nebraska – Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to approve a 4.85% electric rate increase effective January 1, 2018. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Retroactive Approval of Amendment #1 to Electrical Engineering Service Agreement with Olsson Associates for \$40,000. Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the agreement. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke and Mike Davison provided their report to the board. Mike discussed the Engine #5 repair and the challenges they have had with parts for this. It is up and running now with only a few minor things to be finished. Mike is working with Ken Fairchild on some NDEQ reporting issues for our air permit compliance, some other items have been resolved for permit renewal next year. Doug indicated they are having some problems with Well #6 – Sargent Drilling will be down tomorrow to pull it out, but cannot camera it for another 7-10 days. They will know more once they can view the well with the camera system. Staff is working with Olsson Associates to review some options regarding electrical infrastructure near the cemetery on the south side of town – will determine whether to put in a new step-down transformer or upgrade the line and not put in a new transformer. Discussed the type of heating for the new shed – floor heating or radiant heat. The board decided to go with radiant heat because it is more cost effective.

Engine #5 Repair Bills from Fairbanks Morse Engine - \$32,262.00, \$52,635.85, and \$84,787.00. Mike reviewed the bills with the Board. We will have a few more bills coming for additional labor and a few minor parts. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to approve the bills as submitted. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Midlands Contracting d/b/a Johnson Service Company – Invoice for \$34,940 for sewer lining on Greeley and Garfield Streets. Motion by Campbell, second by Blessing to approve the invoice as presented. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Request for Casey Bohling to attend Grade II Wastewater Course on Oct. 16-19 @ Norfolk. Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy to approve the request. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Contract with Olsson Associates for GIS Services - \$30,000. Doug indicated that this agreement will cover the electrical system infrastructure. Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the contract. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Contract with Olsson Associates for Water Main Design north of town - \$25,000. Doug indicated this agreement is for design of the new water line project on north old Hwy 50. The project will improve water service in this area. Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to approve the contract. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Accounts Receivable Report – The board reviewed the list of delinquent accounts and accounts that have been disconnected or in collections. Also reviewed the miscellaneous accounts receivable report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman