

Minutes
Board of Public Works
November 6, 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 6th day of November, 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 (arrived at 4:01), Lynn Campbell, and Charles Murphy. Absent: None. Others present: 4 staff members, City Attorney, and 1 media outlet.

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

Vice-Chair Campbell read the statement of availability of current copy of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting were provided to members via mail. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to approve the minutes as received. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills – Motion by Murphy, 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. Pulled Well #6 and discovered well casing has collapsed - have de-activated it with the State so we do not have to continue to sample it. Replaced 2 fire hydrants at 12th & Broadway, and SW Corner of 4-way stop at Hwy 50/136. Replace sampler hoses and pump hoses on the samplers. Completed MBA and TSCI quarterly samples. Cleared sewer blockage between 8th & 9th Street (Clay to Broadway). Replaced return pump at the wastewater plant with a spare we had on hand.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke and Mike Davison provided their report to the board. Doug reported he has an estimate from Sargent Drilling for the new well. After discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9th at 10:00 a.m. to consider this proposal since it was not on today's agenda. A survey crew was here for one of the electrical projects. Will need to review some options regarding crossing Northern Natural Gas lines during the project – they have extensive requirements regarding new line depths and concrete conduits. Replaced a connector near the cemetery that had been causing some power outages. Staff and Olsson Associates have been trying to schedule their annual meeting with the prison on water and sewer usage/costs, but have not been able to get this done. Olsson's is preparing a letter to be sent to the prison. The final invoice from Fairbanks Morse has been received on the Engine #5 repairs – we are still trying to determine if an equipment failure claim can be submitted for some of the parts or labor. Staff will be doing some crack sealing work and will

be picking up a supply of ice melt this week. Discussed the status of the new shop building – they would like to hold on to the old firehall building for another year and postpone the new building since we have had so many recent large expenses with Engine #5 and now a new well.

Final Approval for Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska declaring an emergency and waiving an engineer’s estimate of costs and advertising for bids regarding the City’s new water well – Bruce discussed the process for declaring such an emergency. Both the Board and Council are being asked to approve an ordinance declaring the emergency. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to introduce the ordinance and waive the 3 reading rule. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell for final approval of ordinance. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Contract with Olsson Associates for New Well engineering - \$38,965 (includes preliminary engineering plus construction oversight). Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the contract. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Engine #5 Repair Invoice from Fairbanks Morse Engine – \$37,520.56. Board of Public Works approved payment of the invoice. Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy to approve the invoice for payment. 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 4:41 p.m.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman