

Minutes
Board of Public Works
December 4, 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 4th day of December, 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, and 1 media outlet.

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

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

Minutes of the November 6th and November 9th, 2017 meetings 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. Casey Bohling provided the report to the board. The fluoride samples were a bit low this past month – staff found a line leak in the system and have repaired it. Replaced 2 fire hydrant nozzles near the prison, replaced 2 curb stop boxes, cleaned 1,200 feet of sewer mains at 8th to 11th between Broadway & Clay, and 2nd Street from Greeley to Garfield.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke and Mike Davison provided their report to the board. Mike indicated they are working with Ken Fairchild from Olsson Associates to assess compliance issues with the engines and preparing for OPPD testing of the engines in 2 weeks. Staff met with the prison and MBA officials regarding the proposed water and sewer rate adjustments for next year. MBA plans to start construction next summer on their expansion, so the City will need to make the electrical infrastructure improvements as Phase I of our project. Staff indicated they have been trimming trees the past couple of weeks.

Resolution #17-6 – Changing January 2018 meeting date to January 2, 2018. Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution #17-7 of the Board of Public Works for the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, establishing water rates for residential, rural, general, municipal, large general, contract and large rural users; providing user cost additions; providing for late payment additions; providing an effective date; and repealing prior resolutions. Discussion. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to approve the water rates as presented. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution #17-8 of the Board of Public Works for the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, establishing sewer rates for residential, general, large general and municipal users; providing sewer sampling additions; providing interceptor installation additions; providing discharger cost additions; providing for late payment additions ; providing an effective date; and repealing prior resolutions. Discussion. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to approve the sewer rates as presented. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Setting Large General Service Contract Users Water Rates – Reviewed rate adjustment notices for Tecumseh Poultry, Tecumseh State Correctional Institute, and Johnson County Rural Water District. Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to approve the 3 rate adjustment notices as presented. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Setting Large General Service Contract Users Sewer Rates – Reviewed rate adjustment notices for Tecumseh Poultry and Tecumseh State Correctional Institute. Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to approve the 2 rate adjustment notices as presented. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Amendment to Olsson Associates Agreement on Ring Bus Improvement Project - \$18,150. Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to approve the contract amendment as presented. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Purchase Material for Electric Ring Bus Project – reviewed list of potential City-Supplied materials for the project. Staff provided a ball-park estimate of \$350,000 for the proposed materials. Staff recommends purchasing the materials ourselves, rather than having the contractor purchase them to save any potential mark-up costs. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to authorize City staff to purchase the listed materials for the electric ring bus project. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Concrete Breaker Quote – Reviewed bids from Murphy Tractor for a 2012 F6, 2014 F9, and a new 2017 F6 concrete breaker. Discussion. Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the purchase of the 2017 F6 concrete breaker for not more than \$10,500. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Health Insurance Renewal – Reviewed proposed renewal quotes from United Healthcare. The \$500 deductible plan is no longer available, so the minimum will be a \$1,000 deductible. Staff made a recommendation for a new plan, but members would like all staff to review the plan options and make a selection and bring it back to them at the January meeting. No action taken.

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 5:09 p.m.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman