

Minutes
Board of Public Works
April 2, 2018

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 April, 2018 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, Mayor Montz, and 1 member of the media.

Meeting called to order at 4:04 P.M.

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

Minutes of the March 5th and March 22nd, 2018 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.

Property Damage Claim – Kevin Kocmich. No documentation received – no action taken. Discussed a sewer rate adjustment due to a leak – will adjust sewer rate to 5 units and monitor usage. Staff may also install a remote meter to avoid future estimates.

Water/Wastewater Report. Tracy Milke provided the report to the board. The fluoride day tank transfer pump was replaced, the Well #6 replacement hole was drilled, and staff attended a training class for water and wastewater held in Tecumseh by the Nebraska League of Municipalities. Staff submitted wastewater permit applications for Burchard, and completed quarterly wastewaters sampling for MBA and TSCI.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke and Mike Davison provided the report to the board. Staff has been locating utility lines for the boring work going on north of town. Staff has been conducting maintenance on equipment over the winter. Have been working on the water line project on 1st Street with Olsson Associates. Staff cleaned the sludge out of the pool using the jet vac truck. Additional cleaning of the floor and walls will be done soon. Staff is searching for a bucket truck with various vendors. RICE testing of the power plant engines will be conducted over 2-3 days next week with Olsson Associates.

Water/Wastewater Treatment Gas Building Repairs – No additional information received. No action.

Replace Fuel Tanks at Power Plant – Have a quote from Yant Testing, Supply & Equipment for \$42,399.00. Staff indicated discussions with another company in Florida, but prices were higher. Additional costs for removal of old tanks could bring total cost to about \$50K. Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the purchase of a fuel tank from Yant Testing, Supply and Equipment for \$42,399. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Recommendation to hire new Deputy City Clerk Tami Badertscher at starting salary of \$17.50/hr.. Motion by Murphy, second by Blessing to approve hire. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Recommendation to increase wage of Utility Secretary Dina Harris to \$17.50/hr. Discussion of only increasing wage ½ way to the recommended wage now, and increasing the rest of the way at the regular evaluation time in the fall. Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to increase wage to \$16.23 now, with the other ½ at evaluation time in the fall. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Wage review for Kaleb Kuhlmann after completion of Journeyman Lineworker Program. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to approve a \$0.75/hr. increase to \$25.78/hr. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Wage review for Casey Bohling after achieving certification to Grade 2 Wastewater & Grade 3 Water. Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy to approve a \$0.75/hr. increase to \$22.75/hr. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman