

Minutes
Board of Public Works
April 3, 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 3rd day of April, 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, and 1 media outlet.

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 March 6th and March 20th 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 Murphy, second by Blessing 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. Water testing on well #4 is being conducted and is going well so far. GPS locations of water valves and manholes are being collected by Olsson Associates. We hosted a Water/Wastewater class put on by the Nebraska League of Municipalities with 27 people in attendance. Casey Bohling has been approved to take his Grade 3 Water Operator exam in April. Water testing results were published in the newspaper. Staff from David City & Olsson Associates toured our wastewater plant – they are considering adding a covered anaerobic lagoon and gas burn off system to their plant. Gardner Denver performed annual maintenance on the blowers.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke provided his report to the board. He indicated that we are required to conduct additional testing on the wells, and that is what we are waiting for on well #4, but we are also waiting on some electric service upgrades as well to finish up the rehab. Johnson Sewer Service will be here in late May or June to work on an area around 3rd & Sherman Street and to also camera an area around 5th & Lincoln. The clay valve project on Webster Street may be done in June. Discussion on how to best control the booster pumps is also underway. A pressure valve on the booster station on Hwy. 50 was fixed. Additional street armor coating is scheduled to be done in May.

Pasture Lease on Well Field – Approved pasture lease with Hartman’s for \$3,500. Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

GIS Data Contract with Olsson Associates – This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Street Sweeper – Reviewed information and bids on 2 used sweepers. The board will recommend purchase of the 2004 Elgin Pelican Sweeper for \$47,000 to the Council for approval.

Electrical System Study – Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the study as received by Olsson Associates. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried. Discussed the list of recommendations shown in the report. Priority #1 would replace 3000 L.F. of cable and Priority #2 would replace 2000 L.F. of cable. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to move forward with design and cost estimates for priorities #1 and #2 (as separate projects). Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Bid from Olsson Associates for work on Water/Wastewater Industrial Stormwater Permit for NDEQ at \$3,200 – Staff indicated that we used to fall under a general permit that did not require the additional work now needed. Assistance from an engineer is needed to complete and submit the paperwork for the permit now. Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to approve the agreement for \$3,200 with Olsson Associates to prepare & submit the permit. 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. No discussion.

Public Comment – no public comment was received.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman