

Minutes
Board of Public Works
May 7, 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 7th day of May, 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, Mayor Montz, 1 City Council member, and 2 representatives from Emergency Management.

Meeting called to order at 4:01 P.M.

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

Minutes of the April 2, 2018 meeting were provided to members. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to approve the minutes as received. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried. Mike Davison proposed a revision to the minutes regarding the increase in wages for Utility Secretary Dina Harris. Proposed a revision to the motion to state the increased wage is only to \$16.23 now, and to strike "with the other ½ at evaluation time in the fall." Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to approve the revised minutes. 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. Sargent worked on the Webster Street valve that quit working. The replacement for well #6 has been drilled, and construction will start shortly. Some chlorine valves were replaced, and a new meter was installed at Tecumseh Manor.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke and Mike Davison provided the report to the board. The new catalyts at the power plant were used in the recent RICE testing and passed the test. Staff is working with Fairbanks Morgan on a possible refund on some of the old pieces that did not seem to last as long as they should have. They will be coming to examine the old catalyts soon. Staff is checking on cement needs for the new fuel tanks at the power plant. The tanks will be ordered soon. Staff replaced a power pole that had broken. Hooked up power for the trailer by the car wash. Staff is planning street repairs on Clay Street and Broadway soon – may need to close these streets to traffic for a day or two while doing these repairs. Staff met the new engineer for the ring-bus electrical project - staff will be staking out easement boundaries. The contractor may begin bring equipment for the project within the next week. A pre-construction meeting with all parties is being planned. Work at the fairgrounds to bury some

electrical lines will start after some dirt work and grading is completed. Swimming pool was scrubbed down and staff will fill it this week. Spraying and mowing is also being done now.

Memorandum of Understanding with Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) for communication dishes on Prison water tower. Asked for a board recommendation for the City Council, who will take action on this item later. Discussion. The Board recommends allowing the dishes and supports the proposed agreement.

Maintenance Agreement for Blowers – Gardner Denver Nash - \$6,810.83. Discussion regarding increase over last year. Staff will find out why it increased this year. Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the agreement for \$6,810.83. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Electrical Infrastructure Project – Project Financing and Bond Quotes. Reviewed the bond quotes received from D.A. Davidson. Discussed current obligations for electric projects to determine cash needs for the utility. The board directed staff to pursue the bond for \$750,000 over 6 years (quoted rate is 2.313%). Staff will contact the bond company to begin proceedings and to lock in a rate as soon as possible.

Unite Private Internet and Phone Proposal – reviewed the internet and phone proposals. Rates for internet are too high at this time. Staff will continue to review the phone proposal and action can be taken at a later date if we want to proceed with that. No action taken.

Accounts Receivable/Delinquent Accounts Report – The board received the list of delinquent accounts and accounts that have been disconnected or in collections. The board directed staff on shut-offs as needed. Also received the miscellaneous accounts receivable report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman