

Minutes
Board of Public Works
July 10, 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 10th day of July, 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: Mayor, 4 staff members, City Attorney, and 1 media outlet.

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

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

Minutes of the June 5th meeting were provided to members via mail. Motion by Campbell, second by Blessing to approve the minutes as received. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills – Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy 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. The water tower north of town is back in service. Well #4 rehab is complete – they are waiting for it to be hooked up to the SCADA system. Replaced a service line at 432 Sherman and cleaned out 2 sections of sewer main on 2nd Street (Grant to Garfield) and 5th Street (Grant to Sherman). Discussed possible future project on Old Hwy 50 (north side of town) – additional water line infrastructure – directed staff to obtain engineering estimate from Olsson Associates. Place on the agenda for further discussion at the August meeting.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke provided his report to the board. Tecumseh Poultry will be needing new electric service – staff will be meeting with them to discuss needs and costs and will bring back additional information at the next meeting. Fixed some water leaks, completed yellow parking stripes around the square – will be finishing up some red paint areas soon. Have done some street sweeping and mosquito spraying around town. Mike indicated that they are having some discussion with the City of Auburn and Olsson Associates about coordinating power plant engine testing together to reduce costs. Reviewed a letter of thanks from the City of Beatrice for assisting with storm clean-up recently.

Update on Bond Refinancing – Lisa provided an update from D.A. Davidson about the possible refinancing of a Water Bond and a Sewer Bond if rates are favorable. We had favorable rates about 2-3 weeks ago, but they have gone up again since then, so they are not favorable enough

to refinance at this time. They will continue to monitor the situation and let us know if things turn around again.

Concrete Footings and Floor for new South Shop Building – Mike indicated they have talked with some contractors about the concrete work. Had budgeted \$30K (split among depts.). Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve the work up to \$30,000 this year. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

2017-2018 Budget – Set the Budget Workshop for July 31 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. Lisa distributed last year's approved Salary Ranges and Wage Increase Scale and indicated it is time to conduct performance evaluations and make wage increase recommendations.

Machinery & Equipment Insurance Proposals – Discussed quote from new carrier. Very difficult to compare coverages -need to take additional time to research coverages. Mike will also contact other companies for additional quotes/information.

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

Public Comment – None Received.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman