

Minutes  
Board of Public Works  
October 1, 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 1st day of October, 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, and Charles Murphy. Absent: Lynn Campbell. Others present: Mayor, 4 staff members, City Attorney, and 2 members of the public.

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

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

Minutes of the September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meetings were provided to members. Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy to approve the minutes as received. Voting Aye: Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills – Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy to approve the payment of bills. Voting Aye: Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Water/Wastewater Report. Tracy Milke provided the report to the board. We are currently unable to completely drain the large water tower for maintenance due to a valve problem. We have ordered a new valve, but will have to hold off cleaning the tower this year due to time constraints. Staff is working on replacing 3 fire hydrants, replaced 5 curb stops, and repaired a water leak at 4<sup>th</sup> & Calhoun. The flow meter at the lift station quit, so we have a temporary one in place till a new one comes in. Staff discharged lagoons for the Village of Burchard, and completed quarterly sampling at TSCI and Tecumseh Poultry. Johnson Sewer was in town and did some camera exploring on a few lines in town.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke and Mike Davison provided the report to the board. They had some issues with the well #1 power line and did some repairs. Replacing 3 fire hydrants – putting Instavalves on each one. Some street sweeping being done ahead of armor coating. Some asphalt patching was done. Olsson Associates is working on the rate studies for TSCI and Tecumseh Poultry. The Ring-Bus Project should be completed in 2-3 weeks. Staff has turned in a claim to the contractor's insurance to replace a transformer that was damaged. Johnson Sewer did some camera work on some sewer lines and recommends lining a section around 3<sup>rd</sup> & Washington and some lines around the Power Plant – this may be done next spring. Topkote will be coming to town soon for armor coating. Staff did some patchwork at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Broadway. The new fuel tank for the Power Plant will be arriving mid-month – the concrete has been poured for this. Staff will handle winterizing pool items (vac and lift chair), and salvage any other items they want out of the old pool.

Utility Meter Re-Read Report – Lisa Beethe presented a spreadsheet listing all re-read requests and the reasons for the re-read request for Board and staff review. Discussion.

NioCorp Developments Presentation from Scott Honan – Scott reviewed a briefing he prepared for the Board. Discussed the water formation under the mine site – it is an isolated pocket, not connected or flowing to the Missouri River. They have determined that the supply is not infinite and will run out – they only need to dewater about 1,000 gallons/minutes (instead of the 12,000 gallons/minute they originally thought) – so they do not have to build the water line to the Missouri River – they actually need more water. So they are working with the City to see if we are able to supply their needs. They would be looking for 1,500-2,000 gallons/minute from the City.

NioCorp Developments – Water Project Cost Estimates - Staff indicated that preliminary thoughts would be that the City would need to install 2-3 new wells, a new transmission line to town and to the mine site, and a 500,000 gallon water tower south of town. A storage tank would also be needed at the mine site. A booster pump at the new tower would also be needed. Would need to discuss further where the new wells could be located. Have to look at water quality of different sites as well. May look at installing deeper wells too. No real cost estimates yet until some other decisions are made.

Olsson Associates – Contract for City of Tecumseh Water Study (not for NioCorp project) – The study would be for the entire City of Tecumseh (not specifically for the NioCorp project). We have not conducted a comprehensive water study since the 1990's. Motion by Murphy, second by Blessing to approve a contract with Olsson's not to exceed \$15,000. Voting Aye: Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Campbell. Motion Carried.

City Clerk Wage Review – No action taken.

Authorized Signatory and Access for Dina Harris on all bank accounts with American National Bank and/or Tecumseh Federal Bank. Motion by Murphy, second by Blessing to approve access as requested. Voting Aye: Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Pickup Lease Options for Streets/Utilities – Reviewed quotes from Field Ford and Brinkman's. Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy to accept the bid from Brinkman's for a 2019 Chevy 2500HD 4WD Double Cab Work Truck for \$945.94/month – 3 year lease. Voting Aye: Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Campbell. Motion Carried.

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 5:41 p.m.