

Minutes
Board of Public Works
March 6, 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 6th day of March, 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: Lisa Beethe, Mike Davison, Doug Goracke, Ray Kappel, and Tracy Milke.

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 February 6, 2017 meeting were provided to members via mail. Motion by Campbell, second by Blessing to approve the minutes as received. Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills – Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to approve the payment of bills. Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Report. Tracy Milke provided the report to the board. Sargent did performance testing on the wells to determine optimal operating range of each well. They also are putting well #4 back together. Had a sewer main plug between 4th & 5th on Lincoln – used the jet truck to clean out the area. The mixer at the lift station was installed. Repaired 3 diffusers at the wastewater plant. NDEQ inspectors were here Feb. 14th for an inspection of the wastewater plant.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke provided his report to the board. Indicated the efficiency tests on the wells could save up to \$20,000 in power use and reduce equipment wear and tear. They are also looking at efficiency at the wastewater plant. Also indicated the UV is back up and the pump in the anaerobic lagoon has been installed. The "draft" electric study report was distributed for discussion at an upcoming meeting. The old sewer lift station near the Legion ball field was taken out. They need to replace a pole by the field and will then install the new light controls. Some members were interested in a tour of the electric system in town prior to the meeting on the study. A couple of meters at the power plant need some work done by OPPD. Discussed airlock problems at the lift station.

City Clerk Report – Lisa Beethe provided the report. She indicated that her new computer was ordered and will be installed on 3/7/17. The Community Building Improvement Project was bid

out. The low bid is from Gottula Propane at \$43,804.25. A town hall meeting is scheduled for March 14th at 7:00 p.m. to review the new pool design. Members are encouraged to attend.

Renewal of Service Contract with Gardner Denver for blowers at Water/Wastewater Plant - \$6,443.24. Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy to approve the contract. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Discuss seasonal and dormant meters – staff wanted to start some discussion on how the City could spread the cost of infrastructure to ALL customers that have active connections – whether they are being used or not. Additional connection/disconnection fees could be considered. Further discussion will held on the issue.

Schedule special meeting for March 20, 2017 – The Board will hold a special meeting on March 20th at 2:00 p.m. to review and discuss the new electric system study completed by Olsson Associates. They will present the results at this special meeting.

Accounts Receivable Report – The board reviewed the list of delinquent accounts and accounts that have been disconnected or in collections. No discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman