

Minutes
Board of Public Works
May 6, 2019

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 May, 2019 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, Charles Murphy. Absent: None. Others present: 4 staff members, the City Attorney, and 1 member of the media.

Meeting called to order at 4:02 P.M.

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

Minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting were provided to members. 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 Blessing, second by Campbell to approve the payment of bills. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Water/Wastewater Report. Tracy Milke provided the report. The annual Consumer Confidence Reports were published in the newspaper, started painting the well house doors, repairs to UV disinfection system were completed, discharged the Burchard lagoons and took samples, and worked on issue with the discharge pipe on the lift station plugging up – will be replacing floats connect the alarms to the SCADA system for monitoring. Staff put rock around the lagoons and Sargent was here testing wells 1,2, and 3. Should get results in 1-2 weeks.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke and Mike Davison provided the report to the board. Staff is working on burying lines into the fairgrounds as time allows, Tecumseh Poultry was put on the new circuit on Sunday, Black & McDonald is re-seeding areas that were damaged during the infrastructure project. More street repairs will be done as weather allows. Work on engine #1 at the power plant has been completed and staff indicated we should start thinking about new cooling units in the power plant. Spraying weeds has been delayed by the weather.

Utility Meter Re-read report – Board reviewed report.

Update on Veteran's Memorial Lighting – The memorial committee wanted the lighting installed before Memorial Day, so staff took 2 light poles from the North side of the Courthouse to install at the memorial, and will replace those with the 2 lights we ordered. Cost for the 2 new lights was a little higher than expected – are about \$5,300/each (for pole, arm, and fixture). Also ordered an extra set of arms and fixture to try to retrofit the old lights we have in storage.

Resolution #2019-3 Authorizing the sale of 1987 Ford F700 Hi-Ranger Bucket Truck and Resolution #2019-4 Authorizing the sale of 1996 Ford F350 4X4 Pickup with Utility Box. Bruce will run an advertisement in the paper and post in 3 public places. Bids due May 30th. Motion by Murphy, second by Campbell to approve both resolutions. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Wage Review for Janet Brown and Dina Harris – completion of probation period. Proposed wage increases are \$0.52 for Dina Harris (to \$17.50/hr.) and \$0.50 for Janet Brown (to \$15.50/hr.). Motion by Campbell, second by Blessing to approved the proposed wage increases. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. 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. Discussed bankruptcy proceedings filed by Windstream. Board instructed Bruce Dalluge to review documents and consult a bankruptcy attorney to see if we need to do anything to collect past due amounts.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman