

Minutes
Board of Public Works
September 9, 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 9th day of August, 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, and Charles Murphy. Absent: None. Others present: 4 staff members, City Attorney, 1 Public.

Meeting called to order at 4:03 P.M.

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

Minutes of the August 5, 2019 and August 12, 2019 meetings 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.

Consideration of Tap fee for Johnson County Rural Water and cost associated with it, open discussion. Doug Goracke indicated there is a wide range of fees looking at other counties. Our current rate is at the low end of cubic feet charge rate. Bob Curry also researched on behalf of the Rural Water District. He provided information on rates from the AWWA and also what USDA Rural Development uses. Curry indicated they would like to be able to flush the line a couple of times a year to clean the line and also test the pumps and make sure they are operable. Maintenance of valves, electrical and heating was discussed and will be kept up. The Utilities Board proposed a \$500.00/mo charge, plus an additional \$1.07 per 100 cu.ft. of any water used. The Rural Water Board will review proposed cost. Tabled.

Payment of Bills – Motion by Campbell, second by Blessing 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. Had a fitting in the booster pit by the water towers start leaking. The sump pump could not keep up and the Motor and VFD had to be replaced.

The service line at 767 Broadway was replaced. It had to be bored under the street.

100,000 gallon tower was drained and cleaned by Utility Service. Had some issues with the Return/Waste actuators for the valves at the wastewater plant. HOA got one of them working, but had to take one in to the shop to figure out the problem with it.

There was a problem with the lift station at the fairgrounds at the beginning of the fair.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke and Mike Davison provided the report to the board. Electric work at the fairgrounds is complete, Utilities will be half of the cost. Electrical work by Ken Brinkman/Ted Evans residence was also completed, new line installed. There will be continued patching streets, and taring. The airport is back online and bill was sent. Davison reported the OPPD inspection went well. Johnson Sewer Service to still to come before the end of the fiscal year. There is to be armor coating work done. Start advertising position.

Consider Tom Murphy's 6 month probationary period successfully completed. Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to consider Tom Murphy's 6 month probationary period successfully completed. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Consider volunteer from Board to serve on wage committee. Blessing will serve on wage committee.

Consider approval of 2019-2020 Budget. Motion by Campbell, second by Murphy to approve 2019-2020 Budget. Voting Aye: Blessing, Campbell, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Consider 2019-2020 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion by Blessing, second by Campbell to approve the Capital Improvement Plan. 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.

Motion by Blessing to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Janelle Moran, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman