

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 December, 2014 at 4:00 o'clock 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 Chairman presided and the Secretary recorded the proceedings. The Chairman read a statement of availability of current copy of the Open Meeting Act.

The following members of the Board of Public Works were present: Fred Pooch and Lynn Campbell. Absent: Dan Blessing. Others present: Doug Goracke, Mike Davison, Paula Darling, Bill Montz, Ann Wickett, and Bruce Dalluge.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Pooch, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 regular meeting. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve payment of bills. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve Change Order No. 2 from Olsson Associates for sales tax on the Well No. 1 project amounting to \$14,986.57. Yeas: Pooch and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Board members reviewed the water/wastewater report as written by Tracy Milke. Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve the water/wastewater report. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve the rental of a concrete breaker from Murphy that would attach to the backhoe and would be used for demolition purposes at the well at \$1,700 per week or \$566.67 per day. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Blessing, to approve joining the Southeast Training Group for \$433.98 with a stipulation that if the training does not meet expectations, employees can cancel the membership. Yeas: Pooch and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Pooch, to approve the purchase of a line locator from Subsurface Solution for \$7,466.70. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

City Attorney Dalluge stated that he would be presenting an ordinance amendment at the City Council meeting regarding purchases and indebtedness made by the Board of Public Works and wanted to make sure that the Board did not have any questions or concerns. The Board was accepting of the change and the City Attorney will present the amendment to the Council as is.

City Attorney Dalluge reviewed the agreement between the City and NMPP for rate studies with the Board. He stated that the 4-year agreement will expire on June 4, 2016 and if the Board would like to cancel any part of it they would need to make a decision no later than March 2015. Board members asked employees to contact both Olsson Associates and NMPP to see what the cost would be for a water study and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve an additional utility credit card for the water operator. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

No action was taken on boring under the railroad at 5th Street.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Pooch, to approve utility employees attending the League of Nebraska Municipalities Utilities/Public Works Annual Conference in Lincoln January 14-16, 2015. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

No action taken on the purchase of Chamber Bucks for employee recognition.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve holiday pay for up to ½ day on Christmas Eve and all of Christmas Day. Vacation time can be taken the rest of the week as long as the city and utility offices remain open. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Doug Goracke and Mike Davison reported on projects and work done by employees since the last board meeting.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Lynn Campbell

Secretary

Dan Blessing

Chairman