

Tecumseh, Nebraska
October 7, 2013

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 7th day of October 2013, at 7:00 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 being annexed to the minutes of the meeting as Attachment #1, said attachment showing how the availability of an agenda of then known subjects was communicated and the time and specific place of the holding of this notice, the same having been transmitted to each Council Member simultaneously. The Mayor presided and the City Clerk recorded the proceedings.

Routine Business

Mayor Montz read a statement of availability of current copy of Open Meeting Act. The following council members were present: Charles Murphy, Larry Carmine, Beth Rossi and Kim Jansen. Absent: Jim Philippi and Jesse Grof.

Others present: Ray Kappel, Jan Hershberger, Bruce Dalluge, Doug Goracke and Paula Darling.

Regular Agenda

Jan Hershberger distributed the Sheriff's Report and stated that they have been busy with inmates and that citations were up slightly. They have applied for grants to assist with overtime and this can be seen in the number of citations that were written.

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Phil Juilfs and Michael Justice to fill vacancies on the Airport Authority Board of Directors. Yeas: Jansen, Murphy, Carmine and Rossi. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Philippi and Grof. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Carmine, to approve one uniform part-time handibus driver wage of \$11.00/ hour that is adjusted yearly, if applicable, at the same time all other wages are discussed. Yeas: Carmine, Murphy, Jansen, Rossi. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Philippi and Grof. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve the purchase of the "Beat Club" play unit for the park at the cost of \$1,855.11 if the noise factor will not be an issue with the surrounding neighbors. Yeas: Rossi, Jansen, Murphy, Carmine. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Philippi and Grof. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve amending Section 5.2 of the City/Utility Personnel Policy and to add the forms to the handbook as an appendix. Yeas: Rossi, Murphy, Carmine, Jansen. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Philippi and Grof. Motion carried.

Councilmember Carmine reported that Utility Foremen are researching options for covering the pool for the winter and that the pool roof will be replaced at a time convenient to the contractor and before the pool opens in the spring. Mayor Montz mentioned that he will talk to the concrete contractor about curb cuts for park sidewalk and asked that the library concrete repairs be made at the same time.

Doug Goracke stated the County has decided to go ahead with the 1st Street project and that the city will need to pay for its share which could amount to between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Installing a traffic sign at the corner of 5th and Grant died from a lack of a motion. The Mayor said he would talk with the Sheriff and the school superintendent about traffic issues on this intersection and in other areas around the school. Councilmembers wondered if painted crosswalks would slow down traffic.

There was no Economic Development or Utilities Foreman Report.

Father Dunavan provided the Council and Mayor with progress reports in advance of the meeting with a recommendation to pursue more test holes in the cornfield on the south/southwest side of the perimeter of the creek to determine the effectiveness of an earthen blanket. Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve payment of the bill submitted by Norm Koester Engineering for \$4,710.00 in preliminary engineering for the pond project. Yeas: Jansen, Murphy, Carmine, Rossi. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Philippi and Grof. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of September 9, 2013 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Review and consider request by Seneca Sanitation to exercise their option to extend their Trash Hauling Agreement with the City of Tecumseh one year beginning June 1, 2014.

Yeas: Rossi, Carmine, Jansen, Murphy. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Philippi, Grof. Motion carried.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.

(Note regarding wages: At the July and August, 2013 City Council Meetings, wages were set for the 2013-14 fiscal year as follows: City Clerk - \$43,933/yr. with \$31,632 paid by Utilities and \$12,301 paid by City; Economic Developer - \$22.31/hr.; equipment operator - \$19.16/hr.; handibus driver - \$12.00/hr.; code enforcement officer - \$6,120/yr.; brush dump monitor - \$11.60/hr.; librarian - \$12.74; assistant librarian - \$7.62/hr.; City Hall cleaning - \$10.51/hr.; Community Building maintenance - \$768.61/mo.; City Attorney, zoning/building, website maintenance - \$29,379/yr., with \$8,151 paid by utilities; building inspector - \$20/25 per inspection; responsible charge person - \$1,000/mo.)