

Minutes
City Council
April 1, 2019

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 1st day of April, 2019, at 7:00 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 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

The following Council Members were present: Travis Goracke, Jesse Grof, Garrett Harris, Tim Kluck, Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: None. Others present: 2 Staff, City Attorney, and 4 members of the public.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Montz read a statement of availability of current copy of Open Meeting Act.

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – Corrected date of meeting and re-posted notice.

Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and comments regarding the City of Tecumseh, NE 2018-2028 Comprehensive Plan. Opened hearing at 7:02 p.m. No public comments received. Closed hearing at 7:03 p.m.
2. Public Hearing and comments regarding the City of Tecumseh 2018 Community Housing Study. Opened hearing at 7:03 p.m. No public comments received. Closed hearing at 7:03 p.m.
3. Public Hearing and comments regarding the City of Tecumseh 2018 Zoning & Subdivision Regulations. Opened hearing at 7:04 p.m. No public comments received. Closed hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Report distributed. Been accepting and reviewing deputy applications to fill 2 positions.

City Clerk Report:

- a. A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.
- b. City-Wide Clean-up – Discussed which weekend to hold the clean-up. Will hold it May 2-4, 2019 and will order a 3rd large dumpster to be available. Staff will also hire a monitor for the dumpster site on Saturday. Motion by Reed, second by Topp to hold clean-up on May 2-4, 2019 and add a 3rd dumpster. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None.
Motion Carried.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Staff has been patching potholes – they have used 7 pallets of mix. Second Street is in pretty bad shape and is going to need repairs soon. Staff obtained an estimate of \$30,000/block to do an overlay – which may only last 6-7 years. We have utility infrastructure concerns on this street as well that would need to be considered. Would

need to work on about 6 blocks from Clay to Greeley. Not in current year's budget or street plan – would need to shuffle quite a bit to make it happen. Something for Council to think about.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Have been attending meetings of the Rural Workforce Housing Committee. Sent out 4 proposals and received 1 new proposal for businesses in town.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Replacing a broken pole on Washington Street, hauling rock, re-poured concrete at water leak site, submitting power plant omission reports to state and federal agencies as required, worked on some SCADA computer software issues at the wells, Board approved ordering light fixtures for the Veteran's Memorial project, approved credit/debit card agreements, and approved the purchase of a plasma cutter for the power plant.

Parks Department Report:

- a. Sale of swimming pool components – the Parks Board met earlier and will be putting up a flyer to sell components from the old pool. Have to move quickly because demolition will begin within a couple of weeks. Will accept bids on components by this Friday, April 5th @ Noon. Items will have to be removed by the following Friday, April 12th. Motion by Reed, second by Goracke to allow the sale of pool components. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

2018-2028 Comprehensive Plan – Ordinance #2019-1087 was introduced to adopt the plan as presented. Motion by Grof, second by Kluck to introduce the ordinance to adopt the plan and waive the 3 reading rule. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried. Motion by Reed, second by Grof for final passage of the ordinance. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

2018 Community Housing Study – Motion by Harris, second by Grof to approve the housing study as presented. Voting Aye: Gorack, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

2018 Zoning & Subdivision Regulations – Ordinance #2019-1088 was introduced to adopt the regulations as presented. Motion by Grof, second by Reed to introduce the ordinance to adopt the regulations and waive the 3 reading rule. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried. Motion by Harris, second by Kluck for final passage of the ordinance. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Credit/Debit Card Services – Lisa presented agreements from gWorks and Nebraska Interactive to initiate the new credit/debit card services online. The gWorks agreement is for \$1,000 one-time setup fee + \$270/yr. in maintenance fees. Nebraska Interactive agreement authorizes them to setup the portal on our website and charge customers the listed fees for services. The Board of Public Works recommends approval. Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to approve both agreements as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Snow Removal Claim – Wayne Minchow - \$291.00. Bruce reviewed the claim and staff commented on the history of the situation. Motion by Reed, second by Topp to deny the claim. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Tree Dump Personnel & Hours – Council and staff discussed whether we need a paid monitor at the tree dump site. They have not had any problems for a long time, but staff would have to be sure illegal items are removed promptly to stay in compliance with government standards. Decided not to fill the

tree dump monitor position and to keep the same hours. We may need to put up additional signage about illegal items (no trash bags, no lumber, no trash, paint, nails, etc). No action needed.

Review Livestock regulations in residential areas – we had a request to discuss allowing chickens within residential zoned areas. Courtney Brown was present to speak on the issue. Bruce had researched area towns to see if they allowed livestock within residential areas. Most do not allow any type of livestock in residential areas – some larger cities like Lincoln will allow some animals (on a permitted basis) depending on how many acres you have, or with certain setback requirements from your neighbors property or from a dwelling. Council would like to discuss further – tabled item until next meeting.

American Legion Ballfield Improvements Request – Staff had indicated to Tom Rother that we would need specific requests and bids to consider improvements at the legion ballfield. He needs to submit a prioritized list of items and detailed list of supplies to the Council to consider.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Grof, second by Topp to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor