

Minutes  
City Council  
January 7, 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 7th day of January, 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: Jesse Grof, Garrett Harris, Tim Kluck, Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: Travis Goracke. Others present: 2 Staff, City Attorney, and 14 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 – None.

**Regular Agenda**

Administered Oath of Office to Council Member Timothy Kluck.

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Report distributed. Indicated 1 new deputy just started the 15-week academy. Need to hire one more deputy.

City Clerk Report – No report.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Street patch work is ongoing, and the new pickup is in and a liner is being installed in it.

Parks Department Report –

a. Approve Swimming Pool Project and Request for Bids – Shayne Huxoll. Shayne indicated that they are finalizing details and doing internal reviews. They will advertise the request for proposals in the newspaper and send directly to contractors. Contractors can contact him if they have any questions. Bid proposals will be received and opened, and Olsson's will make a recommendation to the Council. Council will take action and then contracts can be signed. He indicated that the project will also be submitted to DHSS for approval as required. Shayne reviewed the main components of the design. He said the bid documents would require an April 1, 2020 completion date – that way the City has time to fill the pool and get things ready before opening day. Shayne is estimating the project will cost less than \$3 million, but will have the final cost estimate at the next meeting. Lavern Bartels expressed concerns that he thought the project should have gone to a vote of the people, thinks the cost is too high, and that the county-wide survey was not distributed appropriately. Staff & other people in attendance replied to Mr. Bartels concerns. Motion by Reed, second by Kluck to approve the swimming pool project and to request construction bids for the project. Voting Aye: Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

b. Request for Financing Proposals – Short term & Long term. Staff is requesting authorization to request financing proposals from the local banks for short term and long term loan proposals. Staff proposes requesting proposals for 10, 15, and 20 year terms on \$1.0 million, \$1.5 million, and \$2.0 million with additional information on collateral needs for the long term financing + proposals for short term financing. Shayne Huxoll indicated that he is waiting for a few supplier figures for equipment, but that it looks like the overall cost will be lower than the initial estimate. Expect project bids to come in late February, with construction starting in April. Motion by Reed, second by Topp to authorize staff to request loan financing proposals as discussed. Voting Aye: Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Has been working on a few business proposals for the old Vet’s Club and is attending meetings of a Workforce Development Housing committee. A Council member also mentioned that NioCorp has an interesting corporate presentation on their website. Mayor Montz indicated he spoke with our new legislative representative from Peru. She indicated she would like to work with the City on any issues or topics of concern. She plans to visit the community soon. Concerns about the hotel were also mentioned. No interest in the church, except for some preliminary discussions with NioCorp about possibly using the space temporarily.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Fixed a well system signal problem, repaired a ball valve on the water tower, Black & McDonald will finish work on the circuit to Tecumseh Poultry, HK Sholz finishing some work at the power plant, Board approved the health insurance renewal, approved water & sewer rates, and tabled a request for a monitoring well with the Nemaha NRD.

Health Insurance Renewal from United Health Care – Staff reviewed information with all personnel and they do not have any issues with the current policy. We recommend going with the proposed renewal with United Health Care – with the 10% increased premium (\$20,372.86/mo.). Motion by Grof, second by Topp to accept the renewal proposal from United Health Care. Voting Aye: Grof, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Abstaining: Harris. Motion Carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Grof, second by Reed to approve the Consent Agenda Items #1 and #2 as follows:

1. Approve minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Voting Aye: Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Motion by Grof, second by Reed to approve Item #3 as follows plus add any council members, or the City Attorney that may be interested in attending either conference. Voting Aye: Grof, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Abstaining: Harris. Motion Carried. The mayor requested that future conference attendance requests be placed on both BPW & Council agendas since costs are often split between departments.

3. Request for Lisa Beethe & Dina Harris to attend the League of Municipalities Mid-Winter Conference – February 25-26, 2019 in Lincoln and 2019 Municipal Clerks Institute & Academy – March 17-22 in Kearney.

Voting Aye: Grof, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Abstaining: Harris. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

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Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

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William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor