

Minutes  
City Council  
January 9, 2017

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 9th day of January, 2017, 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 Deputy City Clerk recorded the proceedings.

**Routine Business**

The following Council Members were present: Renee Carter, Travis Goracke, Jesse Grof, Jim Philippi, and Jim Reed. Absent: Kim Jansen. Others present: Ann Curry, Bruce Dalluge, Doug Goracke, and Trevor Mills.

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 the Oath of Office to Jim Philippi.

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Received report.

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets. Jim Philippi mentioned that the Pool Committee hopes to have a draft pool layout to present to the council at the March meeting. Estimated timeframes are that construction would start August 2018 and be complete in May 2019.
- b. Workers Comp. Insurance Update – Ms. Curry indicated that we have added a \$2,500 deductible to the policy – the City will pay claims up to \$2,500. This will reduce the premium by about \$650/yr.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke provided the report. The 1<sup>st</sup> & Calhoun street paving project is complete – the construction company was assessed a penalty for late completion – this penalty pretty much offset a final change order on the project. A final cost split with Tecumseh Poultry was reviewed – they agree with the cost split. No complaints were received after the recent snow regarding plowing.

Parks Department Report – Travis Goracke reported briefly on the pool survey results. Ann Curry mentioned that we received an apology letter from one of the youth charged in the park bathroom vandalism case.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke provided the report. Staff is working on code enforcement policies for unoccupied homes and unoccupied downtown properties.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. The Board approved requests for Casey and Tracy to attend some upcoming conferences and classes. They exercised the generators and replaced some fuel pumps. New service has been installed for the car wash and hospital. Water and sewer rate resolutions were approved by the Board. Board recommends approval of 8” control valves for Webster Street. Board approved final pay request from TCW Construction on the 1<sup>st</sup> & Calhoun street paving project.

Paper/Cardboard Baler – Doug proposed purchasing a paper/cardboard baler from George Topp for \$500. It could be used to bale any type of paper or cardboard that comes into the recycling bins. Recycler would pick up the bales. Might help reduce clutter at the recycling bins. Will talk with the school to figure out best use and collaboration. There may be some recycling grants to help set it up in a building. Will store it for now until a plan is put in place. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to purchase the baler for \$500 from George Topp. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen. Motion Carried.

Bid for replacement of Webster Street Control Valve – Board of Public Works recommends purchasing the 8” valve + the controller. Motion by Philippi, second by Reed to purchase the 8” valve for \$33,470.38 and the Controller for \$3,948 from Sargent Drilling. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen. Motion Carried.

Lot Split Application submitted by Lance Laug – Bruce Dalluge presented the lot split application. Discussion. Motion by Grof, second by Philippi to approved the lot split application as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Voting: Jansen. Motion Carried.

Franchise Agreement with Time Warner/Charter Communications – Bruce Dalluge presented the franchise agreement renewal contract. It is a 10 year agreement, beginning March 1, 2017. Doug asked Bruce to obtain current contact information with them in case we have any problems with their poles. Motion by Philippi, second by Carter to approve the agreement as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen. Motion Carried.

Status Update on Old Firehall – Bruce Dalluge indicated that the Rural Fire Dept. has passed a resolution to covey the property back to the City. Doug indicated that all remaining items in the building need to be removed by them before we take it over. Bruce is to contact them to let them know it must be cleaned up before the City takes ownership.

Bid for Playground Basketball Backboards – Reviewed bid received to replace 4 basketball backboards in the park. Discussion about re-purposing current backboards – possibly checking

with Joel Dunekacke or having them powder-coated. Travis Goracke will look into this further and report back. Item tabled to next meeting.

Audit Report – removed from agenda. Report not received.

Total Solar Eclipse Event – Jim Philippi would like to talk to the Pool Committee about planning a fundraising event around the eclipse. He has made preliminary contact with the Ag Society Board and they are agreeable to working something out since its right after the fair. Will discuss further as ideas are put together.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve minutes of the December 5, 2016 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. TCW Pay Request #5 (Final) - \$15,863.78 and Change Order #1- \$10,699.50 (1<sup>st</sup> & Calhoun Paving Project)
4. #14-HO-3S057 – Housing Rehab Grant
  - a. Approve bid on Project #16 - \$24,995 with EZ Construction
5. Request for approval for Lisa Beethe to attend the League of Municipalities Mid-Winter Conference February 27-28, 2017 in Lincoln

Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen.  
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

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William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor