

Minutes
City Council
October 1, 2018

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 October, 2018, 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, Kim Jansen, Tim Kluck, Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: None. Others present: 2 Staff, City Attorney, 1 BPW member, and 2 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

NioCorp Presentation by Scott Honan. Discussed the need for additional water for the project and the possibility of using City water to supplement their needs. Would need 1,500 to 2,000 gallons/minute to supplement their needs. Timeline would be about 3 years out. Staff indicated we would be looking at the possibility of 2-3 new wells with a 10-inch line to the mine site. Would need a 500,000 gallon water tower south of town with a booster station, and an additional 300,000 gallon storage tank at the mine site. The City will continue talking with NioCorp about several scenarios.

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Sheriff Walton is at training, so no report received. The K-9 unit will be going to 2 weeks of training shortly and will then be back on duty. Two new officers will be attending officer training school in January to get certified.

City Clerk Report

a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Staff has been doing some asphalt patching in areas. We expect the armor coating crew in town any time – some street sweeping is being done to prepare for this. The curb between 1st & 2nd & Broadway will be repaired in the future. They do plan to armor coat this area to help seal things up. Reviewed new pickup quotes from Field Ford and Brinkman's. The Board of Public Works recommends leasing the 2019 Chevy 2500HD 4WD Double Cab Work Truck for \$945.94/month – 3 year lease from Brinkman's. Motion by Reed, second by Goracke to lease the vehicle. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Completed demolition on 2 properties and have one more on Broadway to complete. City helps with fill dirt and grass seeding after demos. He is working on paperwork to apply as a Certified Local Government with the Dept. of Interior – which could make some grant money available for historical properties. Some digging has begun on the new houses in Shawnee Ridge. A house is being moved by the daycare on Hwy 136 east of town.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Staff is replacing 3 fire hydrants, did some repairs on power lines to well #1, replaced 5 curb stops, fixed a water leak on Calhoun, and replaced a pole on Sherman (between 2nd & 3rd). Olsson's is working on water & sewer rate studies for the large industrial users. Staff is working with NioCorp on some water supply issues. Olsson's will be working on a water study for the City – last one was done in the 1990's. A contract, not to exceed \$15,000, was approved by the Board of Public Works.

Parks Department Report – No report.

City Clerk Wage Review – No action taken.

Authorized Signatory and Access for Dina Harris on all bank accounts with American National Bank and/or Tecumseh Federal Bank – Motion by Grof, second by Topp to approve access as requested. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Request from Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce to possibly block off the North parking area by the Courthouse and/or the East side of the square for Halloween activities on October 31st. Motion by Grof, second by Reed to approve the request as needed. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Legion Baseball Field – Request for Fence Repair/replacement, grass seed, and fence ribbon for the outfield fence. Discussion. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to table this item until the next meeting. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the September 4 and September 12, 2018 meetings
2. Pay bills for City Funds

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor