

Minutes  
City Council  
December 3, 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 3rd day of December, 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, Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: Kluck. Others present: 4 Staff, 1 BPW Member, City Attorney, and 3 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.

Minutes of November 5, 2018 regular meeting – Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to approve the minutes as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Kluck, Topp. Motion Carried.

Pay Bills for City Funds – Motion by Reed, second by Grof to pay the bills as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried.

Adjourned Sine Die at 7:02 p.m.

**Regular Agenda**

Continued with Regular agenda at 7:03 p.m.

Administered Oath of Office to Mayor William Montz, Sr.

Administered Oath of Office to Council Members Jesse Grof and Garrett Harris.

Roll Call of the new Council – Present: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Not Present: None. Others Present: 4 Staff, 1 BPW Member, City Attorney, and 3 members of the public.

Elect president of the Council – Goracke nominated Grof and Reed nominated Goracke. Nominations seconded by Topp. Goracke declined the nomination. Voting to elect Grof as President: Voting Aye: Goracke, Harris, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Grof. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried.

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Sheriff Walton distributed the report. Discussed the problem of people passing school buses unlawfully. New deputies go to training school in January.

Public Hearing to provide for public comment concerning an existing Community Development Block Grant project awarded to the City. Hearing opened at 7:15 p.m. Ms. Beethe reviewed the grant information and goals. No public comment received. Hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

Health Insurance Renewal from United Health Care – Brad Swiggart from Northwestern Mutual (broker) presented the preliminary renewal information and some other plan comparisons for us to consider. Reviewed some differences between plans and indicated that our current plan (with a slight Out-of-Pocket limit increase) is still the best plan, but has a 10% premium increase. We will continue reviewing options and bring a recommendation back for approval next month.

#### 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. A lot of snow removal the last 2 weeks, and the snow plow on Doug’s truck is being repaired.

a. Street Superintendent Appointment – Recommend appointing Matt Schardt as the City’s Street Superintendent. Motion by Reed, second by Goracke to appoint Matt Schardt. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried.

b. NE Dept. of Transportation Annual Streets report – Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to approve the report as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried.

Parks Department Report – No Report.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Looking for new banners for downtown – the old ones are too worn to use anymore. Also looking for decorations for the historic lights around downtown. Met with NioCorp staff a couple of times also.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Responded to a couple of calls on power outages, indicated that the new fuel tanks are hooked up at the Power Plant, and that staff continuing maintenance on equipment.

Employee Benefits – Lois McClintock. A motion to go into closed session to discuss confidential medical information for Lois McClintock was made by Reed, seconded by Grof. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried. Entered into closed session at 7:47 p.m. Motion to return to open session by Reed, second by Grof. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried. Re-entered open session at 7:57 p.m. Discussed options to keep employee in a “paid” status so that medical insurance benefits would remain the same. Motion by Reed, second by Topp to grant additional sick leave, after all earned sick and vacation leave are expended, to keep employee in a “paid” status to maintain insurance benefits. Will be added on an as-needed basis until fully released by her doctor. Voting Aye: Goracke, Harris, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Grof. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.