

Minutes
City Council
February 4, 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 4th day of February, 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, Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: Tim Kluck. Others present: 2 Staff, City Attorney, and 1 member of the public.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M.

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – Defer Regular Agenda #2 and #3 to March.

Public Comment – None.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing and comments regarding the City of Tecumseh, NE One-Year and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plan. Opened hearing at 7:02 p.m. No public comments received. Closed hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Report distributed. Indicated that 2 new deputies were not able to complete training and have left the dept. They are now down 2 people.

City Clerk Report – A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Resolution #2019-1 was presented for adoption of long range plan for a one-year and six-year street improvement program for the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska. It was noted that there are no changes from last year. Motion by Grof, second by Reed to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Working on a business proposal due this week. Also planning some cleanup work at the church & restaurant properties – will obtain bids for this work soon.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. The ring-bus project is complete – Tecumseh Poultry will connect to the new circuit soon. HK Sholz is working on the switch at Tecumseh Poultry and some engine work at the power plant. Tracy is working to keep the sewer plant running, staff has had a lot of snow removal work this month and will be doing some street patching as weather allows. The Board will respond to a request from the NRD to participate in a well monitoring program – we will share data on current wells, but will not allow any new monitoring wells. The Board plans to sell the old bucket truck and the 1996 Ford F350 truck. Had some discussions about assisting with lighting for the Veteran’s Memorial. Approved leasing a new copier from Eakes for the Utility offices, and will be replacing a pole that came down at 4th & Sherman.

Parks Dept. Report – Discussion on the color of light poles and what the City wants for security lighting around the pool. No action taken – will determine when needed.

Resolution #2019-2 to request federal funds from Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the 2-year budget as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried.

American Legion Ballfield Lease - Tom Rother reviewed a list of items that needs to be done. Discussed use of field for pee-wee football – they will work together to better coordinate use of the field and storage of equipment. Staff will review the project list and we will have further discussion at the March meeting. Tom indicated there will be 3 coaches this year and they would like to split the salaries 3 ways – no change in total amount.

Proclamation for March Problem Gambling Awareness Month – Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the mayor signing the proclamation. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Harris, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Kluck. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Mayoral Appointment – Janet Brown to Pride Committee and Architectural Review Board

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor