

Minutes
City Council
March 6, 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 6th day of February, 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 City Clerk recorded the proceedings.

Routine Business

The following Council Members were present: Renee Carter, Travis Goracke, Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, Jim Philippi, and Jim Reed. Absent: None. Others present: Lisa Beethe, Dan Blessing, Bruce Dalluge, Doug Goracke, Ray Kappel, Trevor Mills, Jackie Goracke, Carla & Clint Kage, Dennis Gottula, Christy & Russ Waring, Rhonda Sasser, Diane Newman, Dave & Patti Holthus, Paula Straube, and Shayne Huxoll.

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

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Received report. Discussed response to prison incident and what the County Sheriff's Dept. duties are in these situations.

Pool Committee Presentation – Jim Philippi introduced the members of the committee.

- a. Pool Survey Results – Lisa Beethe presented the results of the community survey distributed in December.
- b. Design Review – Shayne Huxoll from Olsson Associates presented the draft design to the Council. Reviewed all the components included and indicated that they were supported by the survey results. Discussion. There are many options to include or remove components. We want to gather additional feedback from the public at the town hall meeting.
- c. Town Hall Meeting – The Pool Committee has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting for Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. We have distributed flyers, advertised the meeting in the paper, and submitted a story to the paper about the pool project. We hope to received some good input on the design. We will then determine if modifications to the design should be considered.
- d. Next Steps for Project – The next steps are the public input on the design and then finalizing a design. Once the design is finalized we can focus on the funding elements.

We have several options to consider and will bring several options to the Council to discuss.

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.
- b. Computer for Clerk – The new computer for the clerk will be installed on 3/7/17.
- c. Library Siding Update – The Library Board met and chose “Arctic White” as the color for the siding to be ordered.

Street Department Report - Doug Goracke gave the report. He indicated that staff would be working on repairs to some low spots along Broadway. Mr. Reed indicated some flooding/standing water around Hwy 136 & 3rd Street – staff will look at jetting the sewer in that area. Mr. Reed also mentioned some problems at 1st & Calhoun where semi trucks are going off the road when making wide turns and tearing up the shoulder area. Staff will address this with the business.

Parks Department Report

- a. Restitution for Restroom Doors – Clerk Beethe reported that we have received the final restitution payments – totaling \$2,150.04.
- b. Donation of \$500 from Community Insurance Group was received to go towards the new basketball backboards in the park.
- c. Tabled – Bids for Playground Basketball Backboards – Travis Goracke suggested replacing the 2 backboards and poles nearest the restroom with glass backboards. Estimated cost is about \$5,000 – he has contacted BNSF Railroad about a possible grant to help with this project. He will pursue the grant and then we will determine whether to pursue the project. Decision tabled until next meeting.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. The detention cell at Shawnee Ridge is complete, except for grass seeding and fencing. The ED board is looking at options for the Presbyterian Church.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Performance and efficiency tests were done on the wells – we could save about \$20,000/year in power savings and efficiency. The board approved renewing the blower maintenance contract for the Water/Wastewater Plant. Started discussion on seasonal and dormant meters and whether to start charging year-round fees for these connections. Indicated that the board will have a special meeting on March 20th to review results of a new electric study conducted by Olsson Associates.

Resolution of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska accepting improvements in the Street Improvement District No. 2016-1; finding the costs of improvements therein and establishing the time and place to sit as a Board of Equalization and Assessment to equalize and levy special assessments in Street Improvement District No. 2016-1; and related matters. Motion by Philippi, second by Grof to approve the resolution as received. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Bids for Community Building Improvement Project – Ms. Beethe indicated that 4 bids were received, but 2 were withdrawn. The Community Building Committee recommends approval of the low bid from Gottula Propane for \$43,804.25. Motion by Reed, second by Carter to approve

the bid from Gottula Propane. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed.
Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Contribution to Music Festival in July/August – Discussed a donation and where proceeds from the event go to. Motion by Grof, second by Carter to contribute \$2,000 to the event. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi. Voting Nay: Reed. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. #14-HO-3S057 - Housing Rehab Grant
 - a. Partial Drawdown #21 - \$19,654.09 (EZ Construction - \$15,970 and SENDD \$3,684.09) – Project #16
 - b. Drawdown #20 - \$825.27 (SEND D Admin.)
 - c. Approve bid for project #17 - \$24,995 with Quality Remodeling.

Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor