

Minutes
City Council
May 7, 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 7th day of May, 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: Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, Tim Kluck, Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: Goracke. Others present: 2 Staff, City Attorney, and the Emergency Manager.

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

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 is preparing the sweeper for use. Staff is planning street repairs on Clay Street and Broadway – street closures during these repairs will be necessary. Will try to notify the public via newspaper and/or radio regarding the street closures.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Purchased a property at 10th & Broadway (NE Corner) – will be demolishing the house on the property.

Johnson County Sheriff Report – received monthly report.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Staff has begun spraying, fertilizing, and mowing for the season. Replaced a power pole at 2nd & Sherman. Power Plant passed the RICE testing this past month. Staff cleaned the swimming pool and will be finishing up with the baby pool. Will be filling the pool this week. Board approved a maintenance agreement for the blowers and discussed bond quotes for the ring-bus project. Construction on this project should begin within a couple of weeks. Reviewed the internet and phone proposal from Unite Private with no action taken, and the Board recommends approval of the MOU for the communication equipment on the prison water tower.

Parks Department Report

a. Swimming Pool – Additional lifeguard staff. We have 4 additional lifeguard applicants to be used as substitute staff as needed. Motion by Grof, second by Topp to approve the additional lifeguards. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

b. Summer Recreation Wages – Staff proposed wage increases for the Pool Manager and Assistant Manager, Baseball/Softball Coaching Staff, and the part-time mowing staff. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the proposed wage increases. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Request for permission to block off east side of square on July weekends for Veterans bike tour – Council already approved some dates in June for this, but additional tours will be coming in July. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to allow blocking the street in July for motorcycle tour parking. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Old Firehall - Blue Valley Door Estimate – Staff indicated that the south door of the old firehall needs a new electric garage door. We are using the building for city equipment storage right now. Motion by Reed, second by Jansen to approve the door estimate of approximately \$1,000 from Blue Valley Door. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Memorandum of Understanding with Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) for communication dishes on Prison water tower. Bruce Dalluge & Amanda Burki explained the agreement. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with NRIN as presented. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Bench Quotes for Library site. Lisa Beethe presented two quotes for 6 foot benches to be placed near the street by the Library. Staff has already poured the concrete for the bench. Motion to approve the bid for \$514.23 from Barco Products for a bench in green/beige colors with surface mount option. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Community Building Committee Recommendation on bids for exterior painting project – Lisa Beethe indicated that 2 bids were received. The committee recommends approval of the lowest bid of \$9,145.00 from Hometown Heros Construction. Mayor Montz indicated that we are also dealing with a water leak due to the large crack in the back of the building. He would like to ask the contractor to do some “extra” caulking to seal this crack better and see if they can stop the leak. This could add some additional cost to this bid – we will discuss it with the contractor. Motion by Grof, second by Kluck to approve the bid of \$9,145 from Hometown Heros Construction. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Unite Private Internet and Phone Proposal – the Board of Public Works reviewed the proposals as well and did not take any action on the proposals. Staff indicated the service is too expensive to consider at this time. No action taken.

Walking/Biking Trail in Tecumseh – Tim Kluck has been researching grants for a trail project and looking at possible routes to propose. We need to research grants further and determine whether lighting is required for these grants – this could limit our options. Also discussed tying the project into our TIF project through the Shawnee Ridge Development. Tim will work with Lisa on looking into further options.

Consent Agenda

Minutes removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

1. Pay bills for City Funds
2. Mayoral Appointment – Ray Ensor for Tree Board

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

Minutes of the April 2, 2018 meeting – The Board of Public Works amended the minutes from their April 2nd meeting, and Council offered the same amendment regarding the increased wages for Utility Secretary Dina Harris. The proposed revision to the motion removes “with the rest to be given at regular evaluation time in the fall.” Motion by Grof, second by Topp to approve the revised minutes. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kevin Kocmich addressed the Council regarding a damage claim to his hot tub cover. He had been on the Board of Public Works agenda last month, but did not appear. Bruce indicated that we could put him on the BPW agenda for next month. Lisa will mail a copy of the agenda to him. He gave staff a copy of a police incident report and the damaged strap from the hot tub. A written damage claim and estimate will be needed from Mr. Kocmich.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor