

Minutes  
City Council  
June 4, 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 4th day of June, 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, and 7 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.

Public Comment – None Received.

**Public Hearing**

Public Hearing and comments on the application for a Class I Liquor License for Rough City Ranch, LLC, 440 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite F, Tecumseh, NE. Hearing opened at 7:01 p.m. Lisa Beethe and Bruce Dalluge presented the license application information. No public comment was received. Hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

**Regular Agenda**

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.
- b. League of Municipalities Executive Board Nomination Form – Ms. Beethe indicated that council members could nominate themselves or others to be on the Executive Board.
- c. Library Hydrant Leaks – Council directed staff to abandon the 2 current hydrants, and replace with a faucet on the building. Susie Kerner also indicated they cannot utilize the east door due to vandalism to the lock. Additional security measures are being considered.

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Received the report from Sheriff Walton.

Parks Department Report

- a. New Pool Committee/Tecumseh Aquatic Association Update – Dave Holthus reviewed the individual components that have been selected – including the Double Slide, Toddler Slide, Shade Structure, Obstacle Course, Geysers, and Water Mushroom. Discussed the need to

move trees on the south side of the pool area (in City Right of Way) – need to decide if we will move these to another location. Also need to discuss where to move the picnic shelter that must be moved for the new parking lot – Shayne Huxoll from Olsson Associates is suggesting a site just west of the new parking lot (near the restroom). The 60% plans are available for anyone to review if they like, and a draft concession area drawing is also available to review. Mr. Holthus reviewed fundraising events that are ongoing and indicated they have about \$50,000 raised so far. Additional grants will be sought over the next year as we get closer to construction beginning. A separate fundraising committee has been formed and will be working on major donors/sponsorship requests. The group plans to auction off the “plunge” toilets at the fair. Discussion regarding possible alternate construction start dates for the bids – may request March versus August start dates to assess estimate differences based on the start date.

b. Free Admission to swimming pool – June 13<sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Park activity – Motion by Reed, second by Grof to allow free admission to the pool from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. 1<sup>st</sup> Street upheaval (due to heat) was repaired, Repairs to Broadway were completed, and they will be doing repairs on Clay Street within the next couple of weeks. Also indicated that the retaining wall on the Northeast side of Hwy. 136 and 5<sup>th</sup> Street will need some repair – the City is responsible for maintaining the wall.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Announced that MBA Poultry has been sold to Tyson Foods. Will be maintaining their name – do not expect any changes at this time. Indicated the Housing and Workforce Surveys are circulating now – encourage everyone to complete them.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Staff dealt with some storm power outages and cleanups. Annual maintenance was conducted at the wastewater plant. Board of Public Works recommends approval of the new utility bond for up to \$780,000. The utility improvement project will begin on Monday – crews are moving into town now.

Liquor License for Rough City Ranch, LLC – Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to approve the liquor license for Rough City Ranch, LLC. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Annual Mayoral Appointments – Motion by Grof, second by Topp to approve the list of mayoral appointments as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Request from Rural Fire Dept. for City to mow and clean up retention pond by new firehall – Doug provided background on agreement with the Economic Development Committee on these areas. The Council directed staff to meet with the fire department to try to work out these issues. No action taken.

Consider Lot Split Application by Donald D. Ensor for the West Fifty (50) rods of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Five (5) North, Range Eleven (11) East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Johnson County, Nebraska, except the South Thirty-eight (38) rods thereof, except Eastridge Addition to Tecumseh, Johnson County, Nebraska, and except Blocks One (1), Twenty-Six (26) and Twenty-seven (27), Original Town of Tecumseh, Johnson County, Nebraska. Motion by Reed, second by Kluck to approve the Resolution for the Lot Split as proposed. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Combined Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, in the State Principal Amount of not to exceed seven hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$780,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements and expansions to the City's electric system and other improvements to the City's Combined Utilities; prescribing the form of said bonds; pledging and hypothecating the revenues and earnings of the electric light and power plant and distribution system, the waterworks plant and distribution system and the sanitary sewer plant and system owned by the City for the payment of said bonds; entering into a contract on behalf of the City with the holders of said bonds; providing for the sale of the bonds; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; providing for the disposition of the bond proceeds and ordering the ordinance published in pamphlet form. Andy Forney from D.A. Davidson presented the bond ordinance. Motion by Grof, second by Reed to introduce the ordinance and waive the 3 reading requirement. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried. Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to approve final reading of the ordinance for the bond. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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

Allow City July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display (July 5<sup>th</sup> Rain Date) at the Fairgrounds and authorizing the payment for insurance rider or equivalent amount for fireworks. Bruce Dalluge reviewed the planned activities. Motion by Grof, second by Kluck to approve the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Walking/Biking Trail in Tecumseh – Tim Kluck reviewed a draft map showing a proposed trail loop through town. It is just a starting point to consider at this time. Lisa Beethe reviewed some grant information she has checked on. We will wait for results from the ongoing community survey that includes gathering information on the “need” for trails in the community and then take further steps upon review of that information.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Kluck, second by Goracke to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Registration and travel expenses for 2018 Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference – June 20-22 at Lincoln for Lisa Beethe and Tami Badertscher.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

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William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor