

Minutes  
City Council  
June 5, 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 5th day of June, 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, Kim Jansen, Jim Philippi, and Jim Reed. Absent: Jesse Grof. Others present: 2 Staff, City Attorney, and 1 media outlet.

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 – Item #15 was added and agenda was re-posted for the public.

**Regular Agenda**

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Report was dropped off, but no representative could attend.

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.
- b. Correspondence from Nemaha NRD regarding interest in participating in a grant request for best management practices in the wellhead protection area. Board of Public Works was not interested. No further discussion.

Street Department Report - Doug Goracke gave the report. He indicated that armor coating of the streets was completed today, extra gravel will be used on Webster Street (North side of cemetery) to decrease the dust in the area. Additional signs may be needed to slow down traffic in the area as well. The street sweeper approved last month is ready and will be delivered on Friday. Council members discussed re-painting all the parking lines on the downtown square. They instructed staff to paint the middle parking areas and parking stalls around the square. Update on drainage problem on Hwy 136/1<sup>st</sup> Street- Olsson's looked at the site – it appears most of the drainage comes off the house. Some options were presented to the homeowner for their implementation.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Asbestos inspections are being done on homes scheduled for demolition. Work is being done on the roof of the Presbyterian Church now. He indicated that he will be assisting the County with applying for a Litter Reduction Grant from the NE Dept. of Environmental Quality for a stump grinder.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. The water tower north of town has been painted and will be filled tomorrow and then routine testing will be conducted before putting it back online. Lightning damaged some gas valves and ballasts in the UV System – estimates are being put together to submit an insurance claim. Board approved the amendment for the GIS Mapping Contract, approved changing July meeting to July 10<sup>th</sup>, approved paying the claim of \$1413.72 for damage caused to a vehicle by a city mower, indicated there were several storm outages in May – mostly from wind and lightning. Indicated the Board had concerns about sewer funds used for collateral on the Library refinancing.

#### Parks Department Report

- a. Tabled – Bids for Playground Basketball Backboards – Travis Goracke indicated he has not heard any response to his grant funds request with BNSF Railroad, so thinks we should go ahead and purchase the backboards. Reviewed bid for \$5,220 from Crouch Recreation for 2 backboards and new poles. Motion by Goracke, second by Carter to approve the bid of \$5,220 from Crouch Recreation. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Philippi, and Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.
- b. Swimming Pool Report – We are having difficulty with cloudy water right now – difficult keeping the pool open at this time. Discussion on duties for pool staff and City staff – pool staff needs to vacuum 2-3 times per week and learn how to clean the filters. City staff is to provide written procedures on what the pool staff should be doing and provide the training to show them how to clean the filters. City staff will install the new acid pump per council direction. Pool staff will conduct chemical tests each day and report numbers to Doug – he will then instruct them what to do.

Legion Baseball Field Lease – City Attorney Bruce Dalluge indicated that the lease prepared does not include the \$1.00 fee that was originally approved, so he is asking the Council to approve the lease without the fee. Motion by Carter, second by Philippi to approve the revised lease without the \$1.00 fee. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Philippi, and Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Donating Use of Pool for Chamber of Commerce Event on June 28<sup>th</sup> – Request to have pool open for free swimming in conjunction with the Chamber picnic from 5:00 to Close. Motion by Philippi, second by Carter to approve the free pool hours on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Philippi, and Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Allow City July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display at Fairgrounds and Authorize the payment for insurance rider or equivalent amount for fireworks – City Attorney Bruce Dalluge indicated that the City has been willing to kick in for the insurance or an equal amount of fireworks if his fundraising efforts fall short. Motion by Reed, second by Carter to approve the request. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Philippi, and Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Resolution #2017-6 to change the date of the regular city council meeting for the month of July. Recommend moving the date from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Philippi, second by Carter to

move the meeting to July 10<sup>th</sup>. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Philippi, and Reed.  
Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Parking restrictions on 6<sup>th</sup> Street (south of Jackson) – Doug has received a couple of complaints regarding parked cars in this area – would like to see restricted parking within 75 feet of the intersection. Bruce will prepare ordinance needed to restrict parking in this area for consideration next meeting.

Future Street Projects – Doug would like the Council to start thinking about future street projects so that he can begin getting project estimates as needed. Lisa indicated that we will begin budget discussions in July and we can discuss these projects as part of the budget process.

Contract Amendment from Olsson Associates for additional GIS mapping services for \$30,000. The Board of Public Works recommends approval of the amendment. Motion by Reed, second by Jansen to approve the amendment. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Philippi, and Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Annual Mayoral Appointments – a list of appointments was provided to the Council. Added Betty Davis to Board of Adjustments, Community Building Committee, and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals. Removed Steve Cooper from the Economic Development Citizen’s Advisory Committee. Motion by Philippi, second by Carter to approve all appointments as presented and revised. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Philippi, and Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Damage Claim for \$1,413.72 – Damage claim for rocks thrown by City mower into the side of a vehicle. Board of Public Works recommends the City paying the claim with no insurance claim being submitted. Motion by Reed, second by Philippi for the City to pay the claim. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Philippi, and Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Philippi, second by Carter to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of the May 1 and May 16, 2017 meetings
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Philippi, and Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

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Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

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William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor