

Minutes
City Council
July 10, 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 10th day of July, 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: 2 Staff, City Attorney, BPW Chair, 1 Member of Public, 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 – None

Public Comment – Tom Rother thanked the City for their assistance with the Legion Baseball program this year. They are planning an “Old Timer” game against the Jr. team this Thursday, July 13th at 8:30 p.m. (free admission) – looking for sponsors for foul ball prizes.

Regular Agenda

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Received report. Indicated the new drug dog was deployed twice on it’s first weekend. The deputy is now certified to handle the dog.

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.
- b. Correspondence – Received a letter of thanks from the City of Beatrice for assisting with storm clean-up recently.
- c. Fireworks Event – Bruce indicated they had collected enough money to cover all the fireworks and additional activities on July 4th. Thought it went over very well. Will try to expand it even more next year.

Street Department Report - Doug Goracke gave the report. He indicated that parking stripes had been completed around the square – additional red paint areas still need to be completed. Have been using the new street sweeper (around the square, 1st & 2nd Streets, and part of 3rd Street). Armor coating has worked well this year – the heat has helped seal things up well – will be picking up leftover rock from these streets soon. Olsson Associates is working on estimates for future street projects.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Asbestos inspections are scheduled to be done this week on demo projects. They have started some interior renovations on the Presbyterian Church.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. The water tower north of town is back in service. Tecumseh Poultry is considering some expansion projects that would require additional electrical service – staff will be meeting with them to discuss needs and costs. Fixed some water leaks, sprayed for mosquitos at fairgrounds before July 4th and also around town. Discussed the water & sewer bond refinancing options. Board recommends approval of concrete work for new shop. Scheduled BPW Budget meeting for July 31st @ 2:00 p.m. Reviewing insurance proposal on power plant equipment and buildings.

Parks Department Report – Travis Goracke gave the report. He indicated that things seem to be going alright. The pool is not leaking currently. The new basketball poles and backboards have arrived and will be put up as soon as staff can get to it.

Update on Bond Refinancing – Lisa provided an update from D.A. Davidson about the possible refinancing of a Water bond and a Sewer Bond if rates are favorable. We had favorable rates about 2-3 weeks ago, but they have gone up again since then, so they are not favorable enough to refinance at this time. They will continue to monitor the situation and let us know if things turn around.

2017-2018 Budget – Set the Budget Workshop for July 26th at 6:00 p.m. Lisa distributed last year's approved Salary Ranges and Wage Increase Scale and indicated it is time to conduct performance evaluations and make wage increase recommendations.

Concrete Footings & Floor for new South Shop Building – The Board of Public Works recommends approval of concrete work for about \$30,000 for footings and stem wall. Motion by Grof, second by Carter to approve cement work as outlined. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Community Building Committee Report – Renee Carter gave the report. Renee presented bids for 3 projects that the Committee would like to have the Council consider for funding this year.

- a. Sidewalk Repairs on the East & West sides of the building - \$6,220 from Clint Mahoney
- b. Replace Flooring in Basement and on Stairs - \$20,995 from Staack Furniture & Carpentry
- c. Round Tables + Cart - \$2,655 (for 24 tables and 1 cart) from Gettent.com

They would also like to request funds to paint the exterior of the building and complete a kitchenette upstairs in the next FY budget. The Council will consider this in budget discussions.

Motion by Reed, second by Carter to approve the sidewalk repairs, flooring, and purchase of tables & cart as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Machinery & Equipment Insurance Proposals – The Board of Public Works is taking some time to review the bid and compare coverages and will research this further. No action needed at this time.

Ordinance #17-1080 – An Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska Relating to Parking on City Right of Way in Residential Zoned Districts and the Maximum Number of Vehicles that can be parked outside of a garage. Bruce presented the new ordinance and explained how it would work. Parking surfaces would have to be paved (not rock/gravel), owner would have to pay for

any repairs if City had to access utilities, need for curb cuts would be approved on case-by-case basis, enforcement would generally be through complaints to nuisance officer. Would not go in effect until July 1, 2018 – to give residents time to comply with the ordinance.

Motion by Reed, second by Goracke to introduce Ordinance #17-1080 as presented and waive the 3 reading rule. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: Philippi. Motion Carried. Motion by Reed, second by Carter to approve final passage of Ordinance #17-1080. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: Philippi. Motion Carried. Modified proposed ordinance to include language restricting parking area to the “lesser of 50% of city right of way or up to 36 feet wide.” Motion by Reed, second by Carter to approve the amended Ordinance #17-1080. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Ordinance #17-1079 – An Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, Relating to Signs, Canopies, Driveways and Paving on Public Property. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to introduce Ordinance #17-1079 as presented and waive the 3 reading rule. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: Philippi. Motion Carried. Motion by Carter, second by Jansen to approve final passage of Ordinance #17-1079. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Resolution #2017-7 (corrected number) – Parade Resolution allowing use of roadway for Johnson County Fair Parade. Motion by Philippi, second by Grof to approve resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Grant #14-HO-3S057 – Housing Rehab Grant – Drawdown #24 - \$2,459.99 (SENDD Administration Expenses)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor