

Minutes
City Council
August 6, 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 6th day of August, 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: Travis Goracke. Others present: 1 Staff, City Attorney, and 6 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 – Item #7 was added prior to the agenda being posted.

Regular Agenda

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Received monthly report.

City Clerk Report

a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.

Street Department Report – No report.

Economic Development Report – No report.

Utility Department Report – Lisa Beethe gave the report. Staff replaced a water meter at the Manor and replaced a couple sections of sewer line at 9th & Broadway and 4th & Calhoun. Well #6 replacement is on hold until the roof for the well house is complete – then they should be able to get the well online. The ring-bus project is moving along well. OPPD conducted engine tests at the power plant last week – everything passed. They will be selling the old fuel tanks from the power plant soon – salvage material. Passed the resolution to change the September meeting date and discussed a few budget items.

Parks Department Report – Lisa reviewed the upcoming events planned at the pool for the final week of the season.

Resolution #18-14 to approve the Johnson County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the plan. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Discuss serving on-sale/off-sale liquor until 2:00 a.m. within City limits – one local establishment is requesting the later hours on Friday and Saturday nights – they indicated that they have a fixed cost of doing business and would like to stay open later – they are also planning more special events with bands, etc and would like to be open later for those events. Other comments indicated that 1:00 a.m. is late enough and that they do not feel another hour is a good idea. Councilman Jim Reed thinks we should accommodate businesses and allow them the “option” to stay open later if they choose. Another comment said that nothing good happens after midnight and that we should think about people out on the road. Councilman Grof asked if law enforcement had been contacted – he wonders if there is any issue or concern for staffing. He will contact them for input. City Attorney Bruce Dalluge will prepare a couple of ordinance options for the Council to consider at the next meeting, but it seems that the Council is leaning towards extending the off-sale and on-sale sale of liquor to 2:00 a.m. on all days of the week – this keeps things simple and allows businesses the choice to stay open later if they want to.

Resolution #18-12 to change the date for the September meeting to Tuesday, Sept. 4th. Motion by Grof, second by Kluck to approve the resolution. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Resolution #18-13 Denying allocation of levy authority to Tecumseh Airport Authority, but authorizing transfer of funds to Tecumseh Airport Authority pursuant to Interlocal Agreement – Board agreed to increase the allocation from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the budget. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Interlocal Agreement with the Tecumseh Airport Authority – Motion by Grof, second by Jansen to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

First Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement (Shawnee Ridge Redevelopment) – the amendment revised 2 lot numbers in the legals previously approved. Just switched out 2 lot numbers and replaced them with different lots. Motion by Grof, second by Topp to approve the proposed amendment. Voting Aye: Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Goracke. Motion Carried.

Recycling Center – viewed recent photos of trash left on the ground at the recycling center. Discussed ideas for addressing this issue. Staff is contacting Seneca Sanitation about possibly picking up excess trash left at the site. Law enforcement is also becoming more involved in contacting people that have left excess/inappropriate items if they can be identified. We will continue working on the problem.

Preliminary 2018-2019 Budget – No discussion. Will probably schedule a special meeting in late August.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the July 2 and July 19, 2018 meetings
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Mayoral Appointment – Steve Johnson to Airport Authority

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor