

Minutes
City Council
September 14, 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 14th day of September, 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: Travis Goracke, Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, Jim Philippi, and Jim Reed. Absent: None. Others present: 1 Staff, City Attorney, and 1 member of the media.

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 Hearings

1. Public Hearing for City of Tecumseh and Tecumseh Utilities 2017-2018 budget – Hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m. No public comments were received. Hearing closed at 7:02 p.m
2. Public hearing to set 2017-2018 property tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request – Hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m. No public comments were received. Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Review and Consider Mayor's appointment to the City Council – Ward #3 to fill vacant position – no recommendations were received.

Oath of Office for Ward #3 Council Member – no one was appointed.

Johnson County Sheriff Report – No report received.

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.
- b. Reported that concrete work was completed at the Community Building. The flooring project downstairs is also about complete – just need to install floor board trim.

Street Department Report – No staff report received. Members indicated they have seen a lot of street sweeping going on around town – the new sweeper is working well.

Economic Development Report – No staff report received. The Council would like to know when the housing demolition project bids will be going out.

Utility Department Report – No staff report received. Members noted that staff is still working on Engine #5 repairs at the power plant.

Parks Department Report – Travis Goracke gave the report. The 2 new basketball poles and backboards have been installed in the park. The bridge slats have been ordered to repair playground equipment and will be fixed as soon as they are received. We have some pool issues that need to be handled by staff – pool water level and pit level are low and filters are popping out. Need to take care of this immediately. Staff responded to an electrical shock issue with a pole in the park and made repairs immediately.

Additional allowable increase of one percent over the budget limit for the 2017-2018 fiscal year – Motion by Philippi, second by Grof to approve the 1% increase as proposed. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried

Resolution #2017-11 setting the 2017-2018 property tax request at a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year – Motion by Reed, second by Philippi to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Ordinance #2017-1081 – An ordinance to adopt the budget statement to be termed the annual appropriation bill; to appropriate sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to provide for an effective date. Motion by Grof, second by Jansen to approve the ordinance as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

2017-2018 City of Tecumseh and Tecumseh Utility Budget – Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the budget as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

2017-2018 Capital Improvement Plan – Motion by Philippi, second by Jansen to approve the plan as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Machinery & Equipment Insurance Proposals – Mike reported to the Board of Public Works that he had not received any additional information regarding the new quote received, so he suggested staying with our current provider. The Board of Public Works recommends staying with the current provider – which renews on October 1. Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to renew policy with current provider. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Personnel Policy & Wage Committee Recommendations – Reviewed proposed revisions to leave policies. The Board of Public Works recommends some adjustments to the proposed language. Added a statement that exceptions to the leave policies may be allowed with written approval from the Board of Public Works Chair or Mayor. Clarified vacation leave policy – change “earned” to “pro-rated” when talking about calculating vacation time to be paid out at time of departure of an employee and added an example of how this procedure works. Motion by Philippi, second by Grof to approve the policies with revisions as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution #2017-12 – Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 6 between City of Tecumseh and Olsson Associates, Inc. for Preliminary Engineering Services on the Tecumseh Historic Square Preservation Project. Motion by Reed, second by Philippi to approve the agreement as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution #2017-13 – Subdivision Application of Mark Badertscher for a tract of land located in NE ¼ of Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 11 East of 6th P.M., Johnson County, Nebraska. Discussion. Motion by Goracke, second by Grof to approve the application as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution #2017-14 – Land & Water Conservation Fund Application. Discussion. Motion by Goracke, second by Reed to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Tecumseh Aquatic Association – Motion by Reed, second by Goracke to approve the selling and serving of alcohol at the Community Building for a pool fundraising event on October 21 and to waive rental fees for the Community Building for all pool fundraising events. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the August 10, August 16, and August 22, 2017 meetings
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Request from Lisa Beethe to attend League of Nebraska Municipalities Annual Conference in Lincoln on Sept. 21-22, 201.
4. Request for 2-3 office staff to attend Data Technologies User Group Training in Omaha on Oct. 11th.
5. Pay Request #2 - \$13,174.04 to Gottula Propane on Community Building Update Project.
6. Pay Request from Steve Bartels - \$42,472.78 for Library Window & Siding Project.
7. Mayoral Appointment – Rob Walker to Architectural Review Board

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor