

Tecumseh, Nebraska
January 4, 2016

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 January, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advanced publicized notice.

Routine Business

Mayor Montz read a statement of availability of current copy of Open Meeting Act. The following Council Members were present: Larry Carmine, Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, Chuck Murphy, Jim Philippi, and Jim Reed. Absent: None. Others present: Lavern Bartels, Glenn Bohling, Densel Fankhauser, Phil Juilfs, Terry Kage, Ray Kappel, Howard Rowe, Tom Sherman, Jack Stinson, Garland Yates, Ann Wickett, and Ann Curry.

There were no additions or corrections to the original posted agenda. Mayor Montz stated that Paula Darling had resigned as City Clerk.

Regular Agenda

The Sheriff's Report was distributed for review by the Council.

Larry Carmine reported that the leak at the swimming pool had been stopped for now, but it appears to be deep in the return line and they would have to wait for warmer weather to see if anything can be done.

Doug Goracke reported that there has been some snow removal, and that there are three demolitions left. Work is continuing on the detention cell on Shawnee Ridge and dirt work to address drainage issues at the new fire hall building. Goracke also stated that the final plat will need to be submitted on the property the City purchased at Shawnee Ridge. Councilmember Murphy expressed concern about the traffic flow on the highway with the new fire department building.

Motion made by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve the Utility Board's recommendation to lease/purchase a 2016 Ford F250 from the low bid received in the amount of \$26,240. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

No action was taken on the 2004 Vactor jet truck.

Motion made by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Philippi, to approve the renewal of the city and utility employees' health insurance with United Healthcare, pending the approval of the Utility Board at their meeting on January 5, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to use the pay scale range of \$10.71 to \$16.04 per hour which is currently in place to set a starting wage for the utility secretary position. Bruce Dalluge stated that Council will need to make final approval of the wage when the Utility Board makes a recommendation for the new employee. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve the remainder of the Consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of December 7, 2015 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Approval of the following action on #14-HO-3S057 – Housing Rehab Grant:
 - a. Approve Change Order #1 on Project #1 – Increase contract from \$24,995 to \$28,415
(additional amount for termite treatment & repairs)
 - b. Approve drawdown #6 – General Administration Expenses in the amount of \$1,689.10 to SENDD
 - c. Approve drawdown #7 – Project Expenses in the amount of \$87,591.79 (\$29,725 will come from housing program income funds currently being held on deposit & \$57,866.79 from CDBG Funds)

4. Approval of invoice in amount of \$639.19 to SENDD for Environmental Review for Housing Authority (will be reimbursed).

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote..

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK Ann Curry

MAYOR William J. Montz, Sr.