

Minutes
City Council
March 7, 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 7th day of March, 2016, 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: Larry Carmine, Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, Jim Philippi, and Jim Reed. Absent: None. Others present: Lisa Beethe, Glen Bohling, Renee Carter, Bruce Dalluge, Doug Goracke, Travis Goracke, Jay Hannah, Ray Kappel, and Trevor Mills.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Montz read a statement of availability of current copy of Open Meeting Act.

There were no additions or corrections to the original posted agenda.

Regular Agenda

Mayor's appointment of Renee Carter to the City Council - Ward #3 – Motion by Philippi, second by Reed to accept the appointment of Renee Carter as Ward 3 council representative. Ayes: Carmine, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Oath of Office to swear in Renee Carter as Ward 3 council member.

Johnson County Sheriff's report was received by the Council. No discussion.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Tar and crack sealing work is coming up. We expect bids for the MBA paving project to go out within a couple of weeks.

Parks Department Report – Doug Goracke distributed material on possible pre-fabricated restroom buildings for the park. He will be gathering additional information about pricing from both companies and bring it to the next council meeting. We will also be looking at grant opportunities to assist with funding this if we can tie it to our walking trail through the park. We will also need to discuss how we will handle restroom availability for the summer. Larry Carmine also discussed the swimming pool. They will need to fill the pool to test the circulation

pipes and see if it is leaking. It was losing a lot of water at the very end of the season last year. Once this is determined they will move forward with advertising for pool staff.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. He is working on a demolition that contains asbestos. It could cost an additional \$5,000 to complete the demolition. He is working on a couple of more orders for demolition with the city attorney. He is assisting MBA Poultry with some staffing issues. A new restaurant will be opening on the square in mid-March.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. The Board of Public Works recommends replacing the starter pump for well #2 at a cost of \$24,377. The pump was to be replaced next year with a variable speed drive anyway – we are just moving up the replacement a year. The pump was damaged due to a power surge/loss and would cost \$4,000-\$5,000 to just repair. Motion by Philippi, second by Grof to approve the bid of \$24,377 to replace the pump. Aye: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board of Public Works also gave permission to the County Emergency Manager and NEMA representative to explore the feasibility of placing a microwave dish on one of the water towers in town or out by the prison. This dish would provide better communication between emergency management entities across the state.

Staff has been working on maintenance items at the wastewater treatment plant.

The Board of Public Works approved putting up a sign at the Utilities Building (627 Clay Street) to help the public locate the facility easier. Design and estimates will be presented to the board for consideration. Cost limit of \$2,750 was placed on the project.

Audit report for fiscal year ending 9/30/15 was presented to the council. Motion by Reed, second by Carmine to accept the report as presented. Ayes: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dates for Citywide Cleanup – Proposed dates are April 14-16 or April 21-23. Staff will contact the trash haulers to see which weekend works best to deliver and pickup the dumpsters. Motion by Carter, second by Philippi to set the cleanup dates for April 14-16 OR April 21-23, whichever works best for the trash haulers. Ayes: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Authorized signatures for American National Bank accounts – Motion by Grof, second by Jansen to approve Bill Montz, Lisa Beethe, Ann Curry, and Larry Carmine as authorized signatures on all American National Bank accounts. Ayes: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Purchase of Mower – Council considered the purchase of a John Deere Z930R ZTrack Mower. Cost would be \$7,300 (including trade-in of \$2,200 on old mower). This was included in the budget and the cost will be split between Parks, Streets, and the Ball Program funds. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to purchase the John Deere Z930R ZTrack Mower as presented. Ayes: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summer Mowing Agreements – this item was tabled until the next meeting.

NioCorp Open House – NioCorp will be holding an open house at their office on March 17th and requested use of the sidewalk and 2-3 parking stalls in front of the business for these activities. They spoke with neighboring businesses and indicated there were no concerns from them. The City would put up barricades and provide some picnic tables for the event. Motion by Grof, second by Carmine to allow use of the sidewalk and parking stalls for the event. Ayes: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Community Building Project – Council reviewed the opinion of costs from Olsson Associates for the project, including cooling, electrical upgrades, and water service improvements. The total estimate was \$134,500 for all work. Motion by Philippi, second by Grof to accept the opinion of costs provided by Olsson Associates and to authorize them to move forward with preparing bid documents for the project. Ayes: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of February 1, 2016 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. #14-HO-3S057 – Housing Rehabilitation Grant - \$7,391.78 (\$3,481.78 to SENDD, \$3,910.00 to Quality Remodeling)

Ayes: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor