

Minutes
City Council
April 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 April, 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, Renee Carter, Jesse Grof, Jim Philippi, and Jim Reed. Absent: Kim Jansen. Others present: Connie Baum, Lisa Beethe, Glen Bohling, Bruce Dalluge, Doug Goracke, Ray Kappel, Trevor Mills, Rhonda Sasser, and Ann Wickett.

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

Proclamation for Community Action Month – Mayor declared May 2016 Community Action Month in honor of community action agencies.

City Clerk Report – Lisa Beethe indicated that the City-wide Clean-up will be April 21-23. We will be holding a town hall meeting on Thursday, April 7th as part of the Leadership Certified Community Renewal process. Staff is requesting an ad-hoc committee to review personnel policy manual and wage schedules issues. Jesse Grof and Renee Carter volunteered to participate on this committee. Others will include Dan Blessing, Doug Goracke, Mike Davison, Lisa Beethe, and Ann Curry. The council considered the request to purchase the Summit Accounts Receivable software for \$2,000 + annual dues and maintenance fees of \$400/yr. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to purchase the Accounts Receivable software as presented with a 2/3 portion paid by Utilities and 1/3 portion paid by City funds. Aye: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Nay: None. Absent and Not Voting: Jansen. Motion carried. Beethe informed the council that staff is assessing computer hardware & software needs and will be bringing a proposed list of needs with cost estimates to them in the near future. The committee meeting report was discussed. This is a new report the clerk will put together to summarize all committee activities for the council.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Jet Truck training will be taking place on April 5th. Armor coating is planned for some streets this summer – particularly 3rd Street. Bids for the MBA paving project should be out in the next couple of weeks.

Parks Department Report – Larry Carmine indicated that the swimming pool is currently holding water and they will plan to open the pool Memorial Weekend. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to advertise for all pool staff positions. Aye: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Nay: None. Absent and Not Voting: Jansen. Motion carried. Doug Goracke also indicated that some pool filters need replaced. They will order them immediately. Council briefly discussed the need for a new pool in the future. We will need to include this in our budget discussions this year. We also hope to hear some public input on the pool at the Town Hall meeting April 7th. Also briefly discussed the park restrooms. Doug is working with a local contractor on a bid to build a new restroom. He will report back at the next meeting with more information.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. He and Lisa are working on the Leadership Community Certification renewal. He is working on some business retention reviews. Many employers are concerned with affordable housing. He is looking into some prospective housing projects. He also indicated that NioCorp seems to be moving forward – they are still working on the final feasibility study at this time.

Johnson County Sheriff's report was received by the Council. Reed and Grof both expressed some concern about speeding along Broadway – several children have been playing close to or on the street lately. Also some concerns around the manor have been expressed to the sheriff's office. There is some confusion about siren testing. Clint Strayhorn has indicated he will be testing the sirens on the 1st day of each month at 12:30 p.m. The City is posting this information on the website and Clint will send out a letter to major employers to let them know the schedule.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. He reported that wells #2 and #4 will have repairs completed with the next month or so. Sargent Drilling indicated they are impressed with the City's commitment to maintaining the wells. The gas valves and UV bulbs have been replaced at the wastewater treatment plant. The electric system study and rate study, as well as the water study are nearing completion. The Board of Public Works approved the purchase of 6 line fault locators at \$400/each. The board denied a request for a sewer bill adjustment. Unite Private Networks submitted a request to use 22 more poles and to bore an additional line from Hwy 50/136 corner to the school. The board recommended approval of these amendment. Motion by Reed, second by Philippi to approve the addendum and new route as presented. Aye: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Nay: None. Absent and Not Voting: Jansen. Motion carried. The board approved the purchase of a rock sign to be placed at the Utilities Building. The board also recommended Jesse Grof to handle additional summer mowing duties at the same wage paid last year. Motion by Philippi, second by Carmine to hire Jesse Grof for summer mowing duties and be paid the same as last year. Aye: Carmine, Carter, Philippi, Reed. Nay: None. Abstaining: Grof. Absent and Not Voting: Jansen. Motion carried. Some repairs on some electrical lines will require a power shutdown for some customers. They will notify all customers of the 1-2 hour expected outage.

Public Transit (Mini Bus) Board Report – Jesse Grof gave the report. The board reviewed the handi-bus statistics and recommend a salary increase for the driver, Lois McClintock. Motion by Carter, second by Carmine to increase hourly wage to \$14.00 for Lois McClintock. Aye: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Nay: None. Absent and Not Voting: Jansen.

Resolution #16-03

Motion carried. Discussed the budget to be submitted to the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program. Motion by Reed, second by Philippi to approve the resolution #16-03 to request federal funds from the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program. Aye: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Nay: None. Absent and Not Voting: Jansen. Motion carried.

Resolution #16-04

Resolution #16-04 to accept Supplemental Agreement #5 between City of Tecumseh and Olsson Associates for preliminary engineering services for the Tecumseh Historic Square project – Motion by Philippi, second by Grof to approve the resolution as presented for \$1,816.39. Aye: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Nay: None. Absent and Not Voting: Jansen.

Motion carried. Doug Goracke indicated that he will be meeting with Olsson Associates and K-2 Construction regarding the bid for the downtown water main project on Wednesday, April 6th. We may also be setting up a meeting with the NE Dept. of Roads to review the status of the overall project as well. An update on this meeting may be provided at the special council meeting scheduled for April 18th.

Correspondence – the City received a letter concerning turkey vultures in town. The City has applied for a depredation permit from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, but has not heard back on the status of the application. The City will follow-up on the permit and attempt to control them through other means if possible.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of March 7, 2016 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Ayes: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Philippi, Reed. Nays: None. Absent and Not Voting: Jansen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor