

Tecumseh, Nebraska
April 1, 2013

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Board Room at City Utility Shop on the 1st day of April, 2013 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: Kimberly Jansen, Charles Murphy, Larry Carmine, Bill Baum and Beth Rossi. Absent: James Philippi.

Others present: Ray Kappel, Deputy Andrew Schroeder, Howard McNiff, Harold Kettlehake, Father Dunavan, Gary Peters, Paula Darling, and Doug Goracke.

Public Hearing

Mayor Montz opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. for comments regarding the application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund Grant for a second story rental program in the amount of \$800,000.00 with a \$261,666.00 owner match. Doug Goracke addressed the Council and visitors regarding this program explaining that HUD was offering this program through NDED. The program would require a Housing Authority to oversee all policies and that more than likely a director would be necessary as well. At this time, eleven rental units are participating. Owners would be required to make payments out of the rental proceeds, but in the event the rental is not being rented the payments would be waived until it does become rented. As there was no further discussion, the hearing was closed by the Mayor at 7:15 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve Resolution #13-05 authorizing the Chief Elected Official to sign an application for 13-6042 National Affordable Housing Trust Fund for a 2nd Story Rental Program Grant in the amount of \$800,000.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Deputy Schroeder distributed the Sheriff's report to the Council. Councilmember Rossi asked that the Sheriff be watchful of ATV traffic on Highway 136 and Councilmember mentioned that he had seen children accompanying parents on ATVs as well. Schroeder stated that they will address these issues as they arise.

Councilmember Jansen reported that the library was beginning its plans for the summer reading program and that the implementation of the new circulation program is going as expected. The Library Board is considering a facebook page, new carpeting in the community room and landscaping to begin this spring. Repairs to the curb in the parking area will be made by city employees.

Councilmember Carmine had no parks report. Clerk Darling stated she was working on a Peter Kiewit Foundation Grant application to make the park ADA compliant. The grant is due April 15, 2013.

No action was taken on adding document shredding to the city-wide clean-up day. Clerk Darling will attempt to work with Shredding Solutions to spend an extra hour in town the next time they pick up documents for the city if the fee is affordable.

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve Tecumseh's Financial Management Plan to be used for all CDBG activities and budget balances as required by the State of Nebraska's Department of Economic Development. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Foreman Goracke reported that the 1st and Clay project and the 6th St. project will start after school is dismissed for the summer and that street patching will begin as soon the patch material can be delivered. He also stated that the County will be doing an armor coating project on North 1st Street and that Mike Davison and he were looking into the cost of armor coating several blocks of city streets while the equipment is in the area.

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve Olsson Associates Contract Amendment #1 for \$6,000.00 for construction administration and observance and close-out services for Tecumseh's paving and sanitary sewer. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Goracke distributed his report and stated that the well replacement plans have been submitted to Nebraska Health and Human Services for review.

Goracke reported on updates for Tecumseh's Economic Development and mentioned that there would be some activity regarding business owners.

Father Dunavan addressed the City Council and Mechanical and Ag Society Board with updates of the month's activities regarding the pond restoration project. He stated that the county had taken out the concrete structure and test holes had been drilled. Councilmember Murphy stated that after several attempts he had not been able to talk with anyone with the pump company. The next step is to have a city employee contact a representative with the company. Fr. Dunavan stated that he will be completing an NRD grant by the deadline of May 1st and that an engineer by the name of Norm Koester had been recommended for the pond project as he has experience with ponds. Howard McNiff provided a sample of the soil from underneath the hard surface that is now the bottom of the pond and then demonstrated how difficult it would be to work a clay layer into this soil. He thought it would be much more cost effective to line the bottom of the pond with a material that is similar to what is used in animal waste lagoons. He also explained a little known program that allows donors to take a tax write-off for community projects. Fr. Dunavan showed the committee and councilmember a sample of a liner called Bentomite. This liner is embedded with bentonite. The cost would be in excess of \$100,000 to use this type of liner. The pump test on the well at the pond shows that it will consistently provide 15 gallons of water per minutes. But if this well did not provide enough water, another well could be drilled 50 feet way, which would then double the amount of water being pumped into the pond. Fr. Dunavan felt that the next step would be to contact Norm Koester and get his professional advice on the project. The next pond committee meeting will be held following the regular business of the City Council on May 6, 2013.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Baum and seconded by Councilmember Rossi to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of the March 4, 2013 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Consider advertising for Summer Ball Program coaches and field coordinator.
4. Consider approval of payment of 20% match of preliminary engineering for the Downtown Revitalization Transportation Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$77,567.40.
5. Consider approval of required Memorandum of Understanding (MOD) between City of Tecumseh, REAP (Rural Enterprise Assistance Project), Nebraska Department of Economic Development and 10 other joint applicant communities. The MOU will allow the City of Seward to be the lead applicant for a CDBG award of \$152,000 for the administration of the CDBG grant and \$150,000 to be conditionally granted to REAP for the assistance of persons developing a microenterprise within the trade area of these communities.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.