

Tecumseh, Nebraska
June 2, 2014

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 2nd day of June, 2014 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: Jim Philippi, Charles Murphy, Jesse Grof, and Kim Jansen. Absent: Larry Carmine and Beth Rossi.

Others present: Dave Carnagey, Kevin McKinney, Deputy Jeremiah Franks, Paula Darling, Dan Swanson, Doug Goracke, Norm Koester, Father Dunavan, Spence Morrissey, Ann Wickett and Bruce Dalluge.

Clerk Darling stated there were two changes to the agenda from the original posted agenda as noted on #4 of the Regular Agenda: Resolution #14-04 and #4 of the Consent Agenda: Resolution #14-05.

Employee Recognition

The Mayor postponed Employee Recognition.

Public Hearing

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. for the 2014 Application for Nebraska Affordable Housing Program Funds – 2014 CDBG Housing Rehab Grant Application. Doug Goracke stated there were 52 pre-applications and Councilmember Philippi asked if there were demolition applications included in the grant and Goracke stated there were but if they are disqualified it will not affect the rest of the grant. There were no other questions or comments and the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve Resolution 14-06 Authorizing the Chief Elected Official (Mayor Wm. J. Montz, Sr.) to Sign an Application for Nebraska Affordable Housing Program Funds – 2014 CDBG Housing Rehab Grant Application. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve the adoption of the Citizen Participation Plan. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Grof, seconded by Councilmember Philippi, to approve the Mayor's Annual Appointments for June 1-2014 through June 1, 2015 of City Government and Board Positions. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi to approve Resolution #14-04, a Resolution of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska approving the Application to Join Lots 3 and 4, Block 3, Shawnee Ridge Addition to the City of Tecumseh, Johnson County, Nebraska. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Deputy Franks distributed the monthly Sheriff's report. Discussion regarding changes to the Ordinance regulating ATV's and golf carts, including fines and noise, was tabled until the July meeting to give the City Attorney a chance to draft possible ordinance language regarding new rules. The City Attorney gave Councilmembers several options that could be considered, including, requiring helmets for children, seat belt requirement, and allowing only a single rider for ATVs. Councilmembers should contact the City Attorney regarding their preferences.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve cost sharing 50% of employee dental insurance premiums with the employees, with the city's share not to exceed \$16.50. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

No one was in attendance to report on behalf of the Fire Department and Mayor reported that the Tecumseh Manor had completed the scheduled roof replacements of several units.

Councilmember Jansen reported that the Library will be starting the Summer Reading Program on June 3rd and will continue on Tuesdays.

Councilmember Murphy reported that the gym floor of the Community Building had been resealed.

Kevin McKinney and Dave Carnaegy addressed the Council on their wish to plan a BBQ contest and outdoor concert for the night before the Firemen's Bullarama. They would like to have use of city electricity in the area of the Court House band shell. Mayor Montz stated he would be willing to go with the gentlemen to the County Commissioners' meeting to ask permission to use the Courthouse band shell and grounds. Conversation regarding a special liquor permit was had and Council members wished them well.

Foreman Goracke reported that utility employees assisted with washing the pool deck to clear glass fragments that were found after a recent incident with a broken bottle in the pool. In addition, city and utility employees assisted with the construction of the new roof on the pool house, saving approximately \$5,000.

Motion by Councilmember Grof, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve hiring Hannah Carnaegy as temporary pool lifeguard.
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Foreman Goracke stated that the armor coating for several blocks of streets should start in the next week, weather permitting. He also stated that the street sweeper is costing more and more to repair and thought perhaps the Council should consider purchasing a different sweeper. The Mayor mentioned looking for a refurbished sweeper and Goracke stated he would start looking for one. Discussion with the City Attorney regarding the speed limit on 1st Street between Clay and Lincoln and the placement of the speed limit sign. The City Attorney will report on this at the July meeting as it may require an amendment to the Ordinance.

Economic Development Director Goracke reported that he is in negotiations with bankruptcy trustee regarding the purchase of several properties that have mobile homes located on them that need to be demolished/removed. He is concerned that his department will not be able to afford the costs of purchasing these properties and associated costs as well as fund other projects that they are committed to doing. The Council stated they would be willing to assist if needed. He also stated that the Partners for Progress group is in the planning stages of developing a strategic/comprehensive plan for the five county area that will be affected by the drilling near Elk Creek and that TSCI is investigating additional affordable housing in the area as well. Goracke also mentioned that there is a possibility that several spec homes could be constructed in the Shawnee Addition.

Goracke distributed the Board of Public Works/Utility report and mentioned that utility crews would be working on a water project in the Circle Drive area of town.

Norm Koester gave a detailed report on the research he had been conducting on the soil samples from the pond, pond repair options, and preliminary cost estimates. He also stated that a de-watering well system might be the best option to determine which, if any, of the pond repair options would work best and suggested that grant efforts start as soon as possible. Councilmembers stated they would be interested in pursuing the de-watering system followed by the soda ash base. Father Dunavan and Jim Philippi stated they would contact SENDD for assistance with the grant process. Koester will provide the Mayor with a written report.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of May 5, 2014 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Review and consider allowing the City-leased property at Fair Grounds to shoot the July 4th fireworks and authorize payment for insurance rider or equivalent amount for the fireworks (July 5th as rain-date).
4. Review and consider approval of Resolution #14-05 allowing for the closing of 1st Street for the Johnson County Fair Parade August 17, at 4:30 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.