

Tecumseh, Nebraska
June 3, 2013

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 3rd day of June, 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.

Mayor Montz read a statement of availability of current copy of Open Meeting Act. The following Council Members were present: Kimberly Jansen, Charles Murphy, James Philippi, Larry Carmine, Bill Baum and Beth Rossi. Absent: None.

Others present: Ann Wickett, Deputy Nick Georgie, Bruce Dalluge, Gary Peters, Steve Bartels, Harold Kettlehake, Sarah Williamson, Bob Curry, Ted Evans, Theron Guenther, Father Dunavan, and Paula Darling.

Employee Recognition

The employee recognition was postponed until the July meeting.

Public Hearing

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. regarding allowing Highway 50 Bar and Grill to receive a Class IB liquor license. City Attorney Dalluge explained the process of allowing or denying the request for a liquor license, and as there were no comments from the public the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Bond Ordinance #13-1058

Councilmember Carmine moved that **Ordinance #13-1058 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH, NEBRASKA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-1057 TO FINALIZE THE TERMS OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2013, OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH, NEBRASKA, OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$320,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INTERIM FINANCING FOR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS IN STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS NO. 2013-1 AND 2013-2 PENDING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND ORDERING THE PROCLAMATION OF IMMEDIATE EFFECIVENESS OF THE ORDINANCE** be introduced and the statutory rule requiring that the ordinance be read by title on three different days be dispensed with so that Ordinance 2013-1058 be approved June 3, 2013 and published in pamphlet form. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rossi. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmember Philippi moved that ORDINANCE NO. 2013-1058 be published in pamphlet form. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Regular Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve the resignation of Bill Baum as Councilmember for Ward 2 effective immediately following the June 3, 2013 Council meeting. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Rossi, seconded by Philippi, to declare an immediate vacancy following the June 3, 2013 Council meeting of the City Council for Ward 2 due to the resignation of Bill Baum. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to authorize the City Clerk to post a Notice of Vacancy of the City Council for the Ward 2 position. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of all current members of the city's boards and committees, except Tonia Robinson and Jesse Grof, both of the Pride Committee. Ray Ensor will replace Robinson and the remaining vacancy on the Pride committee will be filled at the July meeting. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Deputy Georgie of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department distributed his reports for the month.

Council action was postponed regarding allowing Unite Private Networks LLC Cable Company to bury lines across city property for service at MBA.

Sarah Williamson and Bob Curry explained that the Johnson County Historical Museum is in the process of applying for a USDA Rural Development loan for money to do repairs and renovations of the properties on the southwest corner of the square which are currently owned by the Museum. In order to assure the USDA that the payments will be made, the Museum must show they have sufficient income each year specifically dedicated to debt service. As a result they were told by the County Commissioners that they would donate \$2,000 toward this endeavor if the City would match their donation. Commissioner Ted Evans spoke in favor of the city donating toward this project and Theron Guenther spoke against the request. Councilmembers Carmine and Rossi were hesitant in their support and requested more in-depth accounting of how much money City entities had invested in the land and buildings before making any decisions. Mayor Montz reminded the Council that the Board of Public Works had pledged to give the group \$50/month toward utilities, with the option to increase that amount if the need arises. The Council will address this issue in July.

Motion by Councilmember Baum, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, to approve Morrissey, Morrissey, Dalluge's request for an increase to the monthly fees for all updates to the city's web page and Facebook from \$225.00 to \$250.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There was no Fire Department Report.

Councilmember Rossi reported that Tecumseh Manor is stilling waiting to hear about their federal funding, and that the annual inspection had been completed and there is one vacancy.

Councilmember Jansen stated that the Library would be starting their Summer Reading Program on June 11, and that the plans for the landscaping still have not been finalized.

Councilmember Carmine mentioned that standard operating instructions were being developed for the pool regarding the start-up in the spring and closing of the pool in the late summer. Plans to re-roof the bath house have been put on hold until the pool closes for the season.

Council action regarding top coating several blocks of city streets has been postponed until more information can be gathered regarding the feasibility and cost of grinding the streets for smoothness.

There was no Economic Development Report

There was no Utilities Foremen Report, and as a result, consideration of employee wages was postponed until the July meeting.

Father Dunavan reported on the progress of the pond renovation at the Fair Grounds and stated that the grant from the NNRD had been approved for \$18,500. The grant was written on the City's behalf and City will again have to lease the property from the Fair Board. City Attorney Dalluge will work with Councilmember Carmine, the Mayor and utility foremen to develop the language for the lease. The grant gives the City one year to accomplish its goals and requires a cash/in-kind match of \$9,250, with a maximum cash match of \$4,625. Fr. Dunavan has spoken with an engineer about options on sealing the pond bed, and stated he would have a better understanding of what could and couldn't be used as soon he and the engineer do more research. Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to guarantee a maximum contribution of \$9,250 toward the matching funds of the NNRD grants depending on whether or not other sources of funds can be acquired through grants or donations. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Carmine and seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of May 6, 2013 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Consider approval of allowing liquor license at Highway 50 Bar and Grill, formerly known as Old Dad's.
4. Consider approval of fiscal year 2013-2014 rate increase of the NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance Group. Rate increases equal 12% on health and 0% on dental.
5. Review and consider allowing the City-leased property at Fair Grounds to be used to shoot the July 4th fireworks and authorize payment for insurance rider or equivalent amount for the fireworks (*July 5th as rain-date*)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.