

Tecumseh, Nebraska
June 15, 2015

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in joint session with the Board of Public Works, Architecture Review Board and Historic Downtown Steering Committee in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 15th day of June, 2015 at 6:30 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, Larry Carmine, Kim Jansen, Chuck Murphy and James Reed. Absent: Jesse Grof. Dan Blessing asked that the roll of the Board of Public Works be called and the following board members were present: Lynn Campbell, Fred Pooch and Dan Blessing. Absent: None.

Members of the Historic Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee present were: Steve Mercure, Wilbur Ramsey, John Murphy, Tom Morrissey, Mike Wendt and Densel Fankhauser. Others present: Lisa Beethe, Ann Wickett, Sara Williamson, Shayne Huxoll, Paula Darling, Doug Goracke and Mike Davison.

Shayne Huxoll addressed the groups regarding the schedule to-date of the engineer's plan for the Historic Downtown project and stated he was close to submitting the "60% plan" to the Department of Roads for review and comments. He stated that the environmental review has taken more time to review and research than usual and that is why the project hasn't moved more quickly. At this time, the funding mechanisms are not aligning themselves as originally planned because of the delays with the reviews and the city's CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant has expired and another extension must be requested. Additionally, the original CDBG grant that would fund water mains, valves and sidewalks will most likely need to be changed as that type of work will not be allowed ahead of the Transportation Enhancement project. Both Huxoll and Lisa Beethe, the City's SENDD representative, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to develop a plan to present to the Department of Economic Development and Department of Roads that would qualify for both projects in order that Beethe could revise the project, prepare a new budget and timeline and have it approved by Federal Highway Administration in time for the revised CDBG project to begin as soon as possible.

Steering Committee Member Tom Morrissey made a motion to request a 14 month extension of the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant with priorities for funding as follows: #1 Replace Isolation Valves, #2 Replace water mains, #3 Repair facades of historic downtown buildings and #4 Coal Chute repair, subject to the approval of the Federal Highway Administration/Transportation Enhancement Grant rules and guidelines. Committee Member Mike Wendt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote of the Steering Committee.

Ms. Beethe stated she would bring the decision of the Federal Highway Administration and the revised CDBG Downtown Grant application to the July City Council meeting.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.