

Tecumseh, Nebraska
July 7, 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 7th day of July, 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: Deputy Lynn Lyon, Paula Darling, Hunter Arterburn, Doug Goracke, Kristen Brase, Ray Kappel and Bruce Dalluge.

There were no changes to the original posted agenda.

Regular Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Grof, denying allocation of levy authority to Tecumseh Airport Authority. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Tecumseh Airport Authority in which the City of Tecumseh agrees to help finance the Authority's Airport in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Deputy Lyons distributed the Sheriff's report and stated the Independence Day celebrations were quite manageable.

Councilmember Philippi reported on behalf of the Johnson County Historical Society and stated that they were in the process of painting the trim on the outside of the corner building and installing vintage wood flooring in the old tavern.

Councilmembers again discussed possible changes to the Ordinance regulating AVT's and thought it best to wait until all the Councilmembers were in attendance. Ideas for changes to the Ordinance included allowing only one person to ride an ATV at a time, allowing one person per seat on a UTV and allowing only persons 18 and older to drive either an ATV or UTV.

Councilmembers suggested City Attorney Dalluge research the regulations for speed limits when vehicles transition from highways to city streets before they decide to make any changes to the Code Book.

Doug Goracke reported that the armor coating of the asphalt streets went well and that the company representative suggested the streets be put on a 2-3 year schedule. The remaining loose rock will be picked up if it does not eventually become imbedded in the asphalt. He also stated that he is experimenting with armor coating a rock road and a portion of a concrete street to see if there would be any improvement.

Councilmembers asked that the neighbors in the Eastridge area be consulted before they decide on whether or not to install a street light.

Economic Development Director Goracke reported that plans are being made to get bids to demolish derelict houses. He also stated that he had been attending meetings regarding housing for the niobium mine employees when construction begins next June. Jim Philippi reported on the Pond Grant Committee meeting held earlier in the day. Councilmembers stated they would postpone any decisions regarding a possible lease or interlocal agreement, matching funds commitment or in-kind contributions for grants purposes, until the Fair Board and County Commissioners could be contacted and had time to decide if they would be contributing partners in the project.

Foreman Goracke reported on the proceeding of the Board of Public Works meeting and stated they would be having a budget workshop/policy review meeting on July 21st. They will also be discussing employee wages at that time.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve the purchase of life insurance for all city and utility employees at \$3.45/month/employee and disability insurance for all city and utility employees at \$2.94/month/employee. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve the hiring of Lawrence Waskowiak as a substitute driver for the Handibus. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There was no action on the adoption of a resolution to obligate and set aside certain funds in reserve funds or sinking funds for upcoming projects as the City's accountant stated our current accounting for these funds was sufficient.

Employee wages were not discussed in hopes of having a recommendation from the Board of Public Works at the next meeting.

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

1. Approve minutes of June 2, 2014 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Accept Councilmember Beth Rossi's resignation for Ward 3.
4. Review and consider declaring a vacancy for Ward 3.
5. Review and consider approval of the "If It's Physical, It's Therapy" Run Walk on city streets Saturday September 27th at 10:00 a.m.
6. Consider approval of changing the date of the September Council Meeting to September 8, 2014 to allow for the Labor Day Holiday.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.