

Tecumseh, Nebraska
August 3, 2015

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 August, 2015 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, Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, Chuck Murphy, Larry Carmine and James Reed. Absent: None.

Others present: Deputy Hosick, Ann Wickett, Tom Sherman, Terry Kage, Rhonda Sasser, Ruth Holben, Lavern Bartels, Doug Goracke, Bruce Dalluge, Paula Darling, and Katrina Sperl.

Additional agenda items were added to the original posted agenda at 11:45 a.m. on July 30, 2015: #14. Review and discuss conducting an Income Survey to requalify for the CDGB Program, #15. Review and discuss applying for a CDBG Planning Grant for a Blight and Substandard Study, and #16. Review and discuss the possibilities of conducting a Blight and Substandard Survey.

Public Hearing

The public hearing for #11-DTR-104 contract amendment extension request and budget revisions was opened by the Mayor at 7:02 p.m. City Clerk Darling briefly explained the need for the amendment and extension, and as there were no questions the hearing was closed by the Mayor at 7:04 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Sheriff's Deputy Hosick distributed the Sheriff's Report and there were no questions or concerns from the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve #11-DTR-104 - Downtown Revitalization Grant Contract Extension to 8/4/16 (15 month extension) and amend budget. Original budget was broken down between streets, storm sewers, water/sewer and general administration. The new proposal is for \$333,000 CDBG funds to go for water main improvements and \$17,000 for General Administration = \$350,000 grant amount. Required match of \$111,000 for the CDBG grant is still required + additional match to make up the difference per the estimate from Olsson Associates of \$564,017. Total match from City would be \$111,000 + \$120,017 = \$231,017. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve #14-HO-3S057 Housing Rehab Grant bid/contract on Project #2 - \$24,995 with EZ Construction. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve an amendment to the Franchise Agreement with United Private Networks LLC, subject to the City Attorney's approval. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to have the Mayor appoint a committee to meet with the City Attorney in order that they might draft a Parking Ordinance for the Council to consider at the September meeting. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Volunteering for the committee were Councilmembers Grof, Carmine and Murphy.

Councilmember Carmine reported that he had been approached by a concerned citizen about the state of the municipal pool and that they would be interested in gathering support for a new pool. Councilmembers agreed that the lifespan of the pool was nearing its end and that this was a good idea.

Bruce Dalluge explained the process of preparing for the reconstruction of the streets from the railroad crossing to Calhoun and Calhoun from 1st to 3rd Streets. He stated he had spoken with the City's bond representatives and they would have no issues with assessing only one of the property owners in the area of the reconstruction. Motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to have the City Attorney and Doug Goracke meet with representatives of Tecumseh Poultry to draft a short agreement regarding annual payments to the City for the assessment and to then visit with Olsson Associates to have them start working on the assessment district, plans and specification for the project, and apportionment of the costs between the City and Tecumseh Poultry. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Doug Goracke reported that the Economic Development Board may increase the cost-share of demolitions for private individuals from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and that they have assisting with the purchase of two pieces of property to be used for housing in the Shawnee Ridge area. He has also received six commercial grant applications in the last month.

Goracke reported on the proceedings of the Board of Public Works meeting stating that well #6 is back on-line after it's rehabilitation and that Burchard has approached the Utility about doing their water and sewer sampling. He also informed the Council that a portion of the sewer main in the area of 3rd Street and High would be lined at the cost of \$33,000.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Reed, to renew Seneca Sanitation's contract with the City of Tecumseh which would include a \$1.00 increase per trash customer and to allow for two (2) free thirty-yard roll off containers for the City's Clean-Up Day effective January 1, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance #15-1072

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to Introduce Ordinance #15-1072 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH, NEBRASKA, ENDING THROUGH TRAFFIC AT THE EAST END OF THE ALLEY IN BLOCK 40, ORIGINAL TOWN, TECUMSEH, JOHNSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to dispense with the statutory rule requiring that the ordinance be read by title on three different days so that Ordinance # 15-1072 be approved August 3, 2015 and published in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #15-13

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Philippi, to approve Resolution #15-13, approving an application to join the North half of Lot 6 and all of Lots 4, 5, and 7, Block 2, Original town, City of Tecumseh, Johnson County, Nebraska into one lot. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #15-14

Motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve Resolution #15-14, approving an application to join Lot 6 and Lot 7, Block 7, Kershaw's 1st Addition, Tecumseh, Johnson County, Nebraska into one lot. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

No action was taken on conducting an Income Survey at this time.

Councilmembers stated they would be interested in splitting the cost of a Blighted and Substandard Study with the Economic Development Board and Doug Goracke stated he would contact the Board regarding the issue.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of July 6, 2015 regular meeting and the July 27, 2015 special meeting.
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Approve the Mayor's appointment of Bruce Williamson as a Board Member for the Board of Adjustments and Wilbur Ramsey alternate for the Board of Adjustments.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.