

Tecumseh, Nebraska  
August 5, 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 5th day of August, 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.

#### **Routine Business**

Mayor Montz read a statement of availability of current copy of Open Meeting Act. The following Council Members were present: Charles Murphy, James Philippi, Larry Carmine, Beth Rossi and Jesse Grof. Absent: Kimberly Jansen.

Others present: Ann Wickett, Deputy Andrew Schroeder, Bruce Dalluge, Father Dunavan, Macy Richardson, Ann and Harold Richardson, Norm Koester, Doug Goracke and Paula Darling.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, to approve the June 3, 2013 minutes of the regular meeting. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Special Recognition**

The Mayor presented Macy Richardson with a special City Council Pride Award for her accomplishments in the Catch, Pitch and Run Competition.

#### **Regular Agenda**

Dave Schneider of Farmers Coop addressed the Council regarding the Coop's manufacture of fertilizer on August 19<sup>th</sup> and again in September. The process will involve combining liquid phosphorus, water and anhydrous ammonia. The mixture is heated to 280° and then cooled. The cooling process will provide a steam that is not toxic or dangerous in any way.

Motion Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Gail Campbell to fill the vacancy on the Handibus Board. . Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Deputy Schroeder of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department distributed his reports for the month and discussed recent issues with trash cans and door-to-door salespersons. City Attorney Dalluge will do research on the cost of Peddler's Permits in surrounding communities.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve letting our interest in the SEADE Task Force lapse as recommended by Sheriff Walton. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to purchase a tranquilizing device to be used for animal control at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 and to purchase the medication from Dr. Ted Evans. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Doug Goracke reported that the concrete for 6<sup>th</sup> Street can be poured as soon as the mud dries from the latest rains, and that as soon as that is done work on Clay will begin. The armor coating of several other streets will proceed as planned.

Doug Goracke addressed the Council on Economic Development for the city and mentioned that the REDLG grant agreement is being proofed by the city attorney and that Goracke has been attending regional and state E.D. meetings.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve a 25-year pond lease between the City of Tecumseh and Johnson County Agricultural and Mechanical Association for \$1.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Goracke distributed the Utility Report and stated that the Board of Public Works voted to have Olsson Associated conduct a sewer rate study.

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Philippi, to approve permanently waiving the city's portion of the "in lieu of taxes" made by the Tecumseh Manor to the City of Tecumseh. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk Darling reported that the Handibus Board had yet to meet about whether or not to increase their employee wages. Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve increasing the sub-driver to \$11.00 per hour and to start the new driver at \$12.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to increase the salaries of the part-time employees as follows: all ball coaches' salaries will increase to \$1,300 per season, and the community building employee, code enforcement officer, library employees and part-time employees with the Utilities will receive a 2% increase. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Montz asked Father Dunavan to address the Council regarding the joint committee meeting of the Tecumseh Ag Society and City Council for the restoration of the ponds at the Fair Ground. Father introduced Norm Koester, a professional engineer that has worked with building lagoons and he explained his preliminary research into options for sealing the city pond. Options include a synthetic liner, gleysation, deflocculating agents, an earth blanket, bentonite and aqua block. Koester recommended the hiring of Jim Kearney, a geologist, who can assist the city with determining what types of soils are in the area of the pond. He would then perform several test cells to determine which options would control the leaking. Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to hire Norm Koester to head our pond restoration project at \$100/hour and to hire Jim Kearney to perform geological samples on the pond in the hopes of having the results for the September meeting. Additionally, Howard McNiff will be part of the engineering team that will propose plans for the pond restoration. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve minutes of July 1, 2013 regular meeting and July 29, 2013 special meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Resolution #13-08 changing the date of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting from September 2, 2013 to September 9, 2013 in order to observe Labor Day
4. Review and consider approval of Schultz and Associates fees for city audit (\$9,500) and KENO audit (\$3000)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

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MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.