

Tecumseh, Nebraska
November 3, 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 3rd day of November, 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: Charles Murphy, Larry Carmine, Kim Jansen, and Jesse Grof. Absent: Jim Philippi.

Others present: Ray Kappel, Doug Goracke, Rhonda Sasser, Lavern Bartels, Bruce Dalluge, Paula Darling, and Lynn Lyons.

Regular Agenda

Sheriff's Deputy Lyons distributed the Sheriff's report to the Council. He also distributed a diagram for a crosswalk on Broadway that would assist Tecumseh Manor residents in getting across the street to the park. After much discussion regarding safety, sidewalks, curb cuts and signage, it was decided that Public Property Foreman Goracke would contact an engineer for advice.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve the purchase of equipment for use by the Sheriff's Department in Tecumseh city limits with an actual price of \$6,208.49. Motion carried by 3-1 roll call vote, with Carmine voting nay.

City Attorney Dalluge explained that due to recent questions regarding purchases by the Board of Public Works, the Mayor thought it might be advisable to amend Tecumseh City Code Section 2-217 to better define when City Council approval is needed for Board of Public Works' purchases and indebtedness. Presently the limit is \$20,000, which happens to be in the middle range of what other communities are using as a limit. He also stated that employees would be allowed to spend over this limit in cases of an emergency when a meeting of the Council would not be possible before the purchase would be made. As there were only four Council Members present, the Ordinance was not considered and will be brought back to the Council in December.

Dalluge also stated that the Mayor was considering moving the date of the Board of Public Works meeting to better accommodate the dissemination of information to the Council. He stated he presented the idea to the Board and they were not opposed if it would be helpful and not cause a timing issue or interfere with other non-city board meetings. He asked Councilmembers to contact himself or the Mayor if they had thoughts on this issue.

Motion by Councilmember Grof, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve Resolution 2014-11, Tecumseh Historic Square Preservation Supplemental Agreement #3 for Preliminary Engineering Services NDOR to assume Responsible Charge duties. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve Resolution 2014-12, Tecumseh Historic Square Preservation Supplemental Agreement #1 to the Program Agreement NDOR to Assume Responsible Charge Duties. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Action on Ordinance #14-1067 was postponed until the December meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Carmine to approve Resolution #2014-13 a Resolution of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, directing the erection of a stop sign on Lincoln Street at the 10th Street intersection for the east bound traffic was seconded by Councilmember Grof. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to reconsider Resolution #2014-13 which directs the erection of a stop sign on Lincoln Street at the 10th Street intersection for the east and west bound traffic in order that it can be made a four-way stop. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to erect a 15-20 foot lighted evergreen tree on the property north of City Hall. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Councilmember Murphy stated we would be willing to reimburse the city for the purchase of the lights that would be used to illuminate the tree.

Councilmember Carmine had nothing to report on behalf of the Parks Department. Councilmember Jansen stated her husband had been visiting with the Mayor

and the Clerk regarding a grant through the Knights of Columbus that could possibly assist with the construction of an accessible park restroom.

Doug Goracke told the Council that Economic Development funds were used to purchase nine properties. Ten properties are scheduled for demolition yet this fall.

Doug Goracke gave a recap of the Board of Public Works meeting stating they had denied a request to disconnect the water and sewer service from an occupied commercial property. He also stated they would be replacing check valves at the prison booster station.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of October 6, 2014 regular meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.