

Tecumseh, Nebraska  
August 4, 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 4th day of August, 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, Kim Jansen and Larry Carmine. Absent: None. Others present: Sheriff Scott Walton, Paula Darling, Dan Swanson, Doug Goracke, Kristen Brase, Ray Kappel and Bruce Dalluge.

There were no changes to the original posted agenda.

#### **Mayor's Appointment**

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to appoint Kristin Brase to fill the Ward 3 Council Member vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor William J. Montz Sr. administered the Oath of Office to Kristin Brase, the newly-appointed Council Member for Ward 3.

#### **Planning Commission Recommendations**

City Attorney Dalluge opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. for comments regarding amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh which would provide for an additional area of "Highway Commercial" development on the east side of Highway 136, which would be located between Grant Street and Sherman Street. As there were no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

#### **Ordinance #14-1061**

Motion by Councilmember Carmine to introduce Ordinance #14-1061, An Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh amending the Comprehensive Plan of Tecumseh, Nebraska, to provide for an additional area of "Highway Commercial" development on the east side of Highway 136, which would be located between Grant Street and Sherman Street, Tecumseh, NE and to approve the waiving of the statutory rule requiring that the ordinance be read by title on three different days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grof. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Jansen, to approve final passage of Ordinance # 14-1061 and to have it published in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Ordinance #14-1062**

Motion by Councilmember Carmine to introduce Ordinance # 14-1062 An Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska amending the Zoning Ordinance of Tecumseh, Nebraska, providing for C-3, "Highway Commercial" for the West Half (W½) of Block 5, Kershaw's First Addition to the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska instead of B-1, "General Commercial." Said C-3 tract shall be bounded on the north by the center line of Sherman Street, on the west by the center line of Highway 136, on the south by the center line of Grant Street, and on the east by the center line of the alley in Block 5, Kershaw's First Addition to the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska and to approve waiving of the statutory rule requiring that the ordinance be read by title on three different days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Philippi, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve final passage of Ordinance # 14-1062 and have it published in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

No action was taken on a proposed Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska amending the Zoning Ordinance of Tecumseh, Nebraska by adding sections 5.05.03.15 Farm implement sales, services and repair and 5.05.03.16 Motor vehicle sales, service and repair, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

### **Regular Agenda**

Action regarding the changes to the Ordinance regulating AVT's was postponed until the September meeting in order for the City Attorney to research state statute on the type of required driver's license for this vehicle.

### **Ordinance #14-1063**

Motion by Councilmember Carmine to introduce Ordinance No. 14-1063 An Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, amending section 5-209 of the Tecumseh Municipal code to change various speed limits in the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, and to approve waiving of the statutory rule requiring that the ordinance be read by title on three different days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grof. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Councilmember Carmine, seconded by Councilmember Grof, to approve final passage of Ordinance No. 14-1063 and have it published in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmembers asked Utility Foreman Goracke to survey residents in the Eastridge area about installing a street light and report back to them at the September meeting. Foreman Goracke discussed crosswalks in the vicinity of the school and stated he would paint crosswalks on the north, west and east sides of Grant and 5<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln and 5<sup>th</sup> and Jackson and 5<sup>th</sup>. He would also paint crosswalks on the west, north and south sides of Jackson and 6<sup>th</sup>, all four sides of the intersection of Lincoln and 6<sup>th</sup> and the west side of 6<sup>th</sup> and Grant.

Sheriff Walton distributed his report and stated there had been reports of several robberies and that they had a suspect in custody.

Councilmember Kim Jansen reported on the progress of the flagpole and landscaping at the library and stated that a light will be installed this fall to illuminate the flag.

Doug Goracke reported that he and other members of the Southeast Nebraska Partners for Progress would be meeting with Nebraska Department of Economic Development staff to reevaluate their grant request. In addition they will be visiting with NIFA in hopes of financial assistance for their project.

Doug Goracke distributed the Utilities Report and mentioned that the water table was dropping at the wells. Councilmember Philippi reminded him that the Tree Board had asked the Utilities to treat city-owned ash trees for the Emerald Ash Bore.

Motion by Councilmember Grof, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve Utility employee wage increases as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve minutes of the July 7, 2014 regular meeting and the July 21, 2014 and July 28, 2014 special meetings.
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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CITY CLERK

Paula Darling

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MAYOR

William J. Montz, Sr.