

Tecumseh, Nebraska
December 5, 2011

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Board Room at City Utility Shop on the 5th day of December, 2011 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.

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

Others present: Bruce Dalluge, Paula Darling, Ann Wickett, Dan Blessing, Susie Kerner, Doug Goracke, Officer Nick Georgie, Maxine Watteyne, and Ruth Holben.

Additions to the original posted agenda include:

a. Addition to November 2011 minutes: Approve November 2011 minutes to reflect an amendment adopting Resolution #11-24, a Resolution of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska Authorizing the sale of the following described real estate: Part of Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 Block 56, Original Town of Tecumseh, Johnson County, Nebraska, and that part of the vacated Calhoun Street lying north of the right of way of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Company and South of Lot 10

b. Regular agenda #3. d. Review and consider making \$500 down payment on new street department building

c. Regular agenda #3. e. Review and consider donating/selling old, unused holiday street light decorations to the City of Elk Creek, NE.

d. Consent Agenda #8. Consider approval of amending original CDBG Owner Occupied Rehabilitation contract to extend time of performance to May 30, 2012

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, second by Councilmember Jansen, to reclassify employee job title from Secretary to Account Clerk II and to increase hourly pay to \$15.53 per hour and make the pay increase retroactive to October 1, 2011. Yeas: Rossi, Jansen. Nays: Carmine, Murphy, Baum. Absent and not voting: Rine. Motion not approved.

Officer Nick Georgie distributed the Sheriff's report in his absence. Georgie stated that SEADE is scheduled to meet with the Crime Commission in March to discuss merging the two entities and SEADE leaders are trying to move up the date of the meeting as SEADE officers need to be hired as soon as possible if the merger does not take place.

Doug Goracke reported that he had met with engineers to discuss changes to the 1 and 6 Year Street plan and the downtown street project and 6th St will move to year one. Goracke was directed by the Council to move a trash receptacle to Clay Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, second by Councilmember Baum to approve the purchase of four (4) brown, six foot park benches from Champlin Tire Recycling for \$239 per bench. The benches will be used on sidewalks around the historic square, and then to apply for DEQ grant funds to help defray the cost. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilmember Baum, second by Councilmember Rossi, to donate the old, unused holiday street light decorations to the City of Elk Creek, NE. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, second by Councilmember Carmine to approve making a \$500 down payment on the new street department building. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Carmine reported that the fall preparations on the pool are complete and the rest of the work will be done in the spring prior to the pool opening.

Councilmember Murphy moved to waive the Community Building usage fee to Johnson County Hospital for educational workshops and Councilmember Carmine seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Doug Goracke distributed the Utilities Foreman's Report and highlighted the EECDBG amendment for more street lights. Susie Kerner reported that the library is accepting bids for repairing the fascia.

Motion by Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Carmine, to approve the Consent Agenda as noted below. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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 2. Pay bills for City Funds
 3. Approve Draw down #21 for project costs under the city-wide owner occupied housing rehab in the amount of \$55,161.69
 4. Approve amendment to EECBG Grant to include new water tower booster pump and costs related to engineering from Olsson Associates for \$24,050.00
 5. Approve amendment and contract extension for EECBG to allow the purchase and installation of a minimum of 70 additional street lights by utilizing unspent EECBG grant funds and local match.
 6. Approve changing date of January 2012 meeting from January 2, 2012 to January 9, 2012 to recognize New Year holiday for city and utility employees
 7. Consider approval of ½ day holiday pay on December 23, 2011 (Friday) to all city and utility employees as an alternative to usual ½ day holiday pay for December 24, 2011 (Saturday)
 8. Item added 12-2-11 @ 10:30 a.m.: Consider approval of amending original CDBG Owner Occupied Rehabilitation contract to extend time of performance to May 30, 2012
- On motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.