

Minutes  
City Council  
December 5, 2016

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 December, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice, a copy of the same being annexed to the minutes of the meeting as Attachment #1, said attachment showing how the availability of an agenda of then known subjects was communicated and the time and specific place of the holding of this notice, the same having been transmitted to each Council Member simultaneously. The Mayor presided and the City Clerk recorded the proceedings.

**Routine Business**

The following Council Members were present: Larry Carmine, Renee Carter, Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, and Jim Reed. Absent: Jim Philippi. Others present: Lisa Beethe, Bruce Dalluge, Doug Goracke, Ray Kappel, Susan Kerner, Trevor Mills, and Cody Wickham.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Montz read a statement of availability of current copy of Open Meeting Act.

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – None.

Minutes – Approve minutes of November 7, 2016 meeting. Motion by Carmine, second by Grof to approve the minutes as presented. Voting Aye: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Pay Bills for City Funds – Motion by Grof, second by Carter to approve the bills as presented. Voting Aye: Carmine, Carter, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Mayor Montz presented Larry Carmine with a service recognition certificate for his 8 years of service on the City Council.

Adjourned Sine Die at 7:02 p.m.

**Regular Agenda**

Continued with Regular Agenda at 7:03 p.m.

Administered the Oath of Office to Travis Goracke and Jim Reed.

Conducted Roll Call of the new Council: Present: Renee Carter, Travis Goracke, Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, James Reed. Absent: Jim Philippi. Others present: Lisa Beethe, Bruce Dalluge, Doug Goracke, Ray Kappel, Susan Kerner, Trevor Mills, and Cody Wickham.

Election for the President of the Council – Reed nominated Jesse Grof, seconded by Carter. Nominations ceased. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Grof. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Received report.

#### City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - Ms. Beethe provided a summary of committee meeting actions in the council packets.
- b. Resolution #16-19 to change date of January 2017 meeting – Motion by Reed, second by Carter to approve the resolution changing the January 2017 meeting to January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. due to the observed holiday on the regular night. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.
- c. SENDD Performance Report 2014-2016 – Reports were distributed in the council members packet for review.

#### Library Report

- a. Annual Report from Library – Susan Kerner presented a report outlining Library activities in 2016.
- b. Loan Proposals to refinance USDA loans for the Library – Ms. Beethe presented quotes from 3 local banks and our bond company to refinance our \$255,000 debt with USDA. Motion by Grof, second by Carter to accept the 7 year, 2% offer from American National Bank. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.
- c. Resolution #16-20 for Direct Financing from a financial institution to refinance existing USDA indebtedness on the Library – Motion by Reed, second by Carter to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke provided the report. Indicated that the 4<sup>th</sup> pay request from TCM for the 1<sup>st</sup> & Calhoun project was submitted with a final to come by the January meeting.

- a. Street Superintendent Appointment – Staff suggests replacing our Street Superintendent to Matt Schardt. He has a Class B certification, but is working on his Class A cert. now. This will probably decrease our street superintendent allocation from the State by \$1,500 this year, but it should go back up next year after he has the Class A certification. Motion by Reed, second by Carter to appoint Matt Schardt as the City's Street Superintendent. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.
- b. Bid for Seeding on 1<sup>st</sup> & Calhoun Project – Doug Goracke presented a bid for \$4,800 from Green Solutions for seeding on the 1<sup>st</sup> & Calhoun project. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the bid as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Parks Department Report – Doug Goracke provided the report. The individuals responsible for the latest vandalism of the park restroom doors were caught and charged. Restitution will be made to the City.

- a. Pool Committee Update – Travis Goracke provide the update. He reported on the committee's review of draft design drawings and estimated costs. We are waiting on surveys to

come in to finalize recommendations on components to include. Those will be collected through December. Fundraising for the pool began on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas on the Square event – we are selling pies to raise funds. Other events are being planned as well.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke provided the report. They are looking at housing options for Tecumseh, assisting Tecumseh Poultry, and looking at the possibility of developing areas in Shawnee Ridge.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. The Board of Public Works approved changing their January meeting date to January 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. They approved a 50% cost share with the hospital to relocate a power pole and bury the lines for approx. \$7,000. They removed an agenda item to discuss upgrading the power system near the hospital for now. They approved 2016 water and sewer rates. They approved the agreement with Tecumseh Poultry for water rates. They approved the resolution to set Tecumseh State Correctional Institution water rates. They approved the purchase of a handheld GPS unit. They discussed upgrades to a clay valve on Webster Street, They approved the seeding bid for 1<sup>st</sup> & Calhoun project. They approved the health insurance renewal with United Healthcare. It was also mentioned that staff has been trimming trees around town as well.

Resolution #16-21 allowing Tecumseh Federal Bank's sign on and over City property – Motion by Carter, second by Grof to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Resolution #16-22 allowing Brinkman's sign on and over City property. It was noted this sign is owned by Architectural Graphics Inc. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Resolution #16-23 allowing American National Bank's sign/clock and Drive Thru on and over City property. Motion by Carter, second by Grof to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Ordinance #16-1077 authorizing the issuance of various purpose general obligation refunding bonds, series 2017, of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, in one or more series, in the aggregate stated principal amount of not to exceed one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000) for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of (a) the City's outstanding general obligation water refunding bonds, series 2011, dated October 18, 2011; and (b) the City's outstanding general obligation sewer refunding bonds, series 2012, dated March 28, 2012, and authorizing the redemption of such bonds to be refunded; prescribing the form of such bonds to be issued and authorizing officers of the City to approve certain final terms of the bonds; providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the same, if necessary; providing for the sale of the bonds; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; and providing for the disposition of bond proceeds; and ordering the ordinance published in pamphlet form. Motion by Grof to introduce the ordinance #16-1077 and waive the 3 reading rule, second by Reed. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried. Motion by Grof, second by Jansen to approve final passage of the Ordinance #16-1077. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Health Insurance Renewal from United Healthcare – Motion by Grof, second by Jansen to approve the health insurance renewal from United Healthcare as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Grof, second by Carter to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. TCW Pay Request #4 - \$229,353.79 (1<sup>st</sup> & Calhoun Paving Project)
2. Mayoral Appointment of Bev Packwood for the Community Building Committee
3. Authorize request for Lisa Beethe to attend the League of Municipalities Clerk School March 20-24, 2017 in Kearney, NE

Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Philippi. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

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William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor