

The Board of Public Works of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on the 8th day of September, 2014 at 4:00 o'clock p.m., in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice.

The following members of the Board of Public Works were present: Fred Pooch, Dan Blessing and Lynn Campbell. Absent: None. Others present: Doug Goracke, Mike Davison, Paula Darling, Tracy Milke, April and Charles Ascheman, Jodee and Jeff Bailey, Bruce Dalluge and Ann Wickett.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Blessing, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Blessing, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Blessing, seconded by Campbell, to approve the pay request from Gen-Mech in the amount of \$33,390. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Foreman Goracke stated that the state will be testing the well the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion by Blessing, seconded by Campbell, to approve the annual write-off of uncollected utility bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Water operator Milke distributed the water and wastewater report. He mentioned that the well level is recovering from its low in August. He outlined the issue leading up to the false alarm on the pressure switch at the water tower and stated that Sargent Drilling suggested installing a 3-position switch to go to the pressure switch. Sargent would do the installation as a trade for the old VFD that used to be attached to Well No. 1. The Board thought this would be a good idea.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to consider privately owned mobile homes on leased or rented property as rental property and the landowner is responsible for all unpaid water and sewer bills at that location. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Blessing, to table the recommendations from NMPP regarding evaluation of Tecumseh utility water rates. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Board did not address the possible purchase of a street sweeper.

The Utility foremen's report was distributed. Goracke stated that he had met with Tecumseh Poultry and they stated they were going ahead with their water project but would not be putting in a new 10" water line. Instead they would install a 50,000-gallon reservoir that would accomplish the same goal of lessening the stress on both their lines and the city water lines. Once their plan is ready they will bring it to the Board of Public Works for their review. The Board agreed that once the work is complete, the ownership of the water line from the tap would be Tecumseh Poultry's.

Chairman Blessing reminded the Baileys and Aschemans that they were asked to contact city hall in order that they might address the Board. Mr. Bailey apologized as he did not understand what Mr. Blessing meant. Board member Pooch stated Mr. Bailey's issues had been handled internally.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Lynn Campbell

Secretary

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Dan Blessing

Chairman

*(Note regarding wages: At the July and August 2014 Board of Public Works' meetings, wages were set for the 2014/2015 fiscal year as follows: Public Property Foreman - \$26.65; Public Property Foreman - \$26.34; Plant Supervisor - \$19.71; Maintenance Mechanic - \$19.71; Lineman - \$19.91; Water/Wastewater Operator 1 - \$23.07; Water/Wastewater Operator 2 - \$17.32 – City Clerk - \$45,251/year with \$32,581 paid by utilities and \$12,670 paid by the city; Bookkeeper/Deputy Clerk - \$17.32; Payroll/Utility Billing Secretary - \$16.52; Utility Secretary - \$16.52; Housekeeping - \$10.83; and Part-Time Seasonal Help - \$10.82.)*