

The Board of Public Works of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on the 7th day of April, 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, a copy of the same showing the advance time by which such advance publicized notice was given, a statement of how the availability of an agenda of then known subjects was communicated and the time and specific place of the holding of this meeting. Each member was previously furnished with a copy of said advance publicized notice, the same having been transmitted to each member simultaneously with its publicized notice. The Chairman presided and the Secretary recorded the proceedings. The Chairman read a statement of availability of current copy of the Open Meeting Act.

The following members of the Board of Public Works were present: Lynn Campbell and Fred Pooch. Absent: Blessing. Others present: Doug Goracke, Mike Davison, Paula Darling, Tracy Milke, Bruce Dalluge, Dan Swanson, Jim Condon and Ray Kappel.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Pooch, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular meeting. Yeas: Pooch and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve payment of bills. Yeas: Pooch and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Tracy Milke distributed the water/wastewater report and the Board had no questions. Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve agenda items as follows: approve the purchase of the digital fluid level display for the lift station for \$500; approve all relevant training opportunities for the wastewater/water operator; approve the purchase and installation of a monitor for the sump pump at the lift station; and approve replacing and purchasing four outdoor specialty LED flood lights for the water tower near TSCI at a cost of \$2,784. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to send the proposed large general service changes to the wastewater rate ordinance and the proposed resolution setting wastewater treatment facility allocations for large general service users to TSCI for their review and to vote on these changes at the May 2014 regular meeting. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried. Midwest Labs will conduct the sampling procedures and will split their sample with the Tecumseh utility department so as to compare the findings.

No action was taken on waiving the late fee of \$34.96 for Town and Country Motel.

The City Attorney will develop a "Hold Harmless" agreement to be used when the Tecumseh utility department is asked to assist other communities or plumbers with sewer jetting. He will bring this to the May meeting for review.

No action was taken on changing the rate category for 833 Broadway from commercial to residential as the building is not used as a residence.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Pooch, to approve renewing the pasture lease with the present renter at the same rent until 2017. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to approve sharing the cost of grapple forks for the skid steer with the City of Tecumseh for a total cost of \$2,500. Yeas: Pooch and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried.

Public Property Foremen Goracke and Davison updated the Board regarding armor coating 32 blocks of asphalt streets scheduled for late April and early May. The Board asked the Clerk to send notices to the paper and the residents. Goracke mentioned that they were called in to cut roots and jet a sewer that had become plugged over the weekend. Wipes considered as "unflushables" were found tangled in the roots in the sewer and the Board suggested that a letter be sent to the health care facilities in town asking that they not flush these into the sewer system. Davison asked the Board what they would like to do with the International Power Unit and two motors that will be replaced at the wells as there is some value with the antique power unit. Board members suggested calling businesses to see if there is any interest in buying them.

Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn into executive session at 5:03 p.m. to discuss proposed wage scales for utility employees. Yeas: Campbell and Pooch. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried. Motion by Pooch, seconded by Campbell, to reconvene into regular session at 5:35 p.m. Yeas: Pooch and Campbell. Nays: None. Absent and not voting: Blessing. Motion carried. Discussion shall continue at the May meeting.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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Lynn Campbell

Secretary

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Dan Blessing

Chairman