

Minutes
PRIDE Committee
4-21-16

The Pride Committee of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 21st day of April 2016 at 5:00 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 filed with the record of the minutes 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 Committee Member simultaneously. Jim DeFreece presided as Chairman and the Secretary recorded the proceedings.

Routine Business

Presentation of PRIDE Committee awards were made prior to the start of the meeting. Mayor Montz presented an award to Connie Walters and the Community Insurance Group (Randy Miller & Travis Davison).

Meeting was called to order at 5:24 P.M.

The Chairman stated that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the door of the conference room.

The following Committee Members were present: Jim DeFreece, Ray Ensor, and Tom Hamer. Absent: Jim Jensen. Others present: Bill Montz, Sr., Lisa Beethe, Mike Davison, Bruce Dalluge, Larry Carmine and Lavern Bartels.

Regular Agenda

Minutes – Motion by DeFreece, second by Hamer to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting. Ayes: DeFreece, Ensor, Hamer. Motion carried.

Tabled Complaints from prior meeting – None

City Attorney advice or progress regarding property issues and city code issues:

- a. 127 S. 10th – waiting to see if this property is sold via a tax sale. Will wait and see what happens with this property.
- b. 13th & Broadway (SW Corner – Trailer) – Bruce will contact the owner about not having a building permit for the addition.
- c. 259 S. 5th Street – Bruce will contact the owner about not having a building permit for the addition.

Review status of cooperation of property owners and tenants from prior requests of the Pride Committee or contact made by code enforcement officer and consider if further action is necessary:

- a. 1073 Webster – Some progress on the vegetation has been made.
- b. 261 Grant Street – Trash has been removed. Can remove from follow-up list at this time.
- c. Treasure's Bldg. (Steve Young Property) – Owner has been given until Monday to clear the debris – if not completed than further action will be taken.

Review new citizen complaints regarding dilapidated buildings and unsightly properties in Tecumseh, NE and consider appropriate action:

- a. 308 Washington – Mike will contact owners about complaint. Neighbor need to call law enforcement regarding barking dogs.

New committee member complaints:

- a. DeFreece mentioned an issue at 3rd & Lincoln – a pickup and trailer are blocking views to the south – people cannot see around them at the intersection.

Request for building maintenance code inspections of dilapidated houses/buildings – None.

Pride Award Nominations:

Lisa will email the list of possible nominations to the committee to review next month.

Public Comment from Lavern Bartels regarding his experience with the PRIDE Committee – Feels that the committee has not treated him fairly over the past 5 ½ years and that crimes have been committed against him. Examples: July 2011 – denied sufficient time to speak at a meeting; all information provided to the committee was not made available to the public at a meeting; denied access to photos being passed around to the committee; denied information by Mayor Montz on two occasions; required to do more than others (regarding grass height and handling volunteer trees).

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

Miscellaneous Business – Discussed public meeting statutes

Adjourned at 5:49 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk