

## PRIDE Committee Minutes

3-3-16

The Pride Committee of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 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**

1. The Chairman stated that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the door of the conference room
2. The following Committee Members were present: Jim DeFreece, Jim Jansen, Ray Ensor, Tom Hamer, and Diana Thiemann. Absent: None. Others present: Bill Montz, Sr., Lisa Beethe, Mike Davison, Bruce Dalluge, and Lavern Bartels.

### **Regular Agenda**

3. Minutes – Motion by DeFreece, second by Thiemann to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting. Ayes: DeFreece, Thiemann, Hamer. Motion carried.
4. Tabled Complaints from prior meeting – None
5. City Attorney advice or progress regarding property issues and city code issues:
  - a. 127 S. 10<sup>th</sup> – waiting to see if this property is sold via a tax sale. Will wait and see what happens with this property.
  - b. Topps Mechanical – Mike has talked with owners and some progress has been made. They have worked on a plan for additional cleanup this spring. Committee will wait and see if owners follow through with plan.

Lavern Bartels provided public comment on fairness of complaints and actions. Discussion about grass height codes and ornamental grasses. He feels grass height should be the same for all grasses and should be enforced the same.

6. 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 – Mike has contacted the owner/tenant. It is approximately 50% cleaned up. Mike will send a letter to encourage continued cleanup at the property.
  - b. 602 Santee – Tarp has been removed from camper, all vehicles are licensed. It does not appear there is anything that can be done at this property. Bruce indicated that neighbors could approach the neighborhood association with their complaints. There are probably covenants and restrictions as part of this association that could be enforced by them. No further action by committee.
7. Review new citizen complaints regarding dilapidated buildings and unsightly properties in Tecumseh, NE and consider appropriate action:
  - a. 261 Grant Street – Neighbor complained of trash in the front and back of house that is blowing around in the neighborhood. Some trash had been cleared in front of the house previously, but Mike will drive by again and check the status of trash around the property and report back to the committee.
8. New committee member complaints:
  - a. DeFreece would like to see a town cleanup before the July class reunion events this summer. He noted the need for street repairs around the square (brick replacements).

- b. Vacant business on North side of square (Treasure's Bldg. – Steve Young Property) – has a lot of debris at the back of the building. This needs to be cleaned up. Mike will contact owner to see if they would allow the City to clean this up and provide access inside to clean windows and/or put up a curtain in front windows. Doug Goracke has this building on his list to work on also.
- c. Would like to see additional improvements to Bill Campbell's building on the north side of square.
- d. Ensor noted that the concrete plant is getting things cleaned up on their site very nicely.
- e. 13<sup>TH</sup> & Broadway (SW Corner – Trailer) – Some sort of addition has been added to the trailer. Mike indicated he looked for a building permit for this and did not find one. Mike will forward pictures and information to Bruce for further action. Bruce will contact the owners about this addition.
- f. 259 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street – This property has been an on-going problem. The City has taken the owner to court previously and he has served jail time for not cleaning the property up. Doug and Bruce are actively working on this issue. They are also hoping it could be sold and rehabbed at some point.

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

10. Pride Award Nominations:

Need to present award to Connie Walters that was approved in October.


Mr. Montz nominated the Community Insurance Group that has renovated the old Casey's store into a new insurance agency/bank location. All agreed and the committee will make 2 awards at the next meeting.

11. Committee Organizational Issues – Reviewed the committee articles and discussed whether the committee would like to have a member prepare minutes or have the City Clerk continue to prepare them. The committee would like to continue having the City Clerk attend meeting and prepare the minutes. Discussed best methods to contact members. Most prefer email contact over regular mail.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 5:00.

12. There was no Miscellaneous Business.

13. Adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

  
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Lisa Beethe, City Clerk