

Minutes
City Council
December 4, 2023

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 4th day of December, 2023, 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 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: Lance Beethe, Travis Goracke, Jim Reed, Tyler Speckmann and Lorie Topp. Absent: Brommer. Others present: Mayor, 2 Staff, City Attorney, 1 Media, 1 Public.

Meeting called to order at 5:04 P.M.

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – None

Regular Agenda

City Clerk Report- Request to have indoor walking in Community Building. Approved set hours will be determined.

Streets Report- 2nd Street overlay postponed until Spring. DTR Project progressing, estimated August bid letting. Started to put together full DTR narratives for larger DTR Grant. (\$400K +)

- a. Consider Resolution adopting the One & Six Year Plan for Street Improvements for the City of Tecumseh. Motion by Topp, seconded by Reed to approve 1 & 6 Year Plan. Voting Aye: Beethe, Goracke, Reed, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried
- b. Consider Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent, Resolution, Signing of Year-End Certification form. Motion by Reed, seconded by Topp to approve Resolution for Year-End Certification. Voting Aye: Beethe, Goracke, Reed, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried
- c. Street Superintendent Appointment -Recommend Appointing Matt Schardt as the City's Street Superintendent for January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024.

Economic Development Report- Provided by Doug Goracke- We were awarded DTR Planning grant (\$53K). Meeting with SENDD reps on Broadband. Tecumseh Tomorrows wishes to see Council at the mid-month meeting if allowed to further discuss day care options.

Utility Dept. Report- Doug Goracke- Water Leak on 13th north of Lincoln. The rest of the street lighting to be installed in Shawnee next week. Next bid cycle for Cooling project to be in late Dec, early Jan. Crews cut under brush along a bunch of alleys. Generation event for OPPD went exceptionally well, no issues. The employees did a tremendous job and many thanks to them for giving up their Sat and Sunday. Three URD Electric projects will get done next week.

Parks Report- No updates.

Consider wage increase for Kaleb Kuhlmann, Water Certification level III. Motion by Reed to approve BPW recommendation of \$1.50/hr wage increase, seconded by Topp. Voting Aye: Beethe, Goracke, Reed, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried

Elect Council President. Motion by Reed, to nominate Lorie Topp, seconded by Goracke to approve Topp as Chair. Voting Aye: Beethe, Goracke, Reed, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

Motion by Topp, second by Beethe to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of the November 20, 2023 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Voting Aye: Beethe, Goracke, Reed, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Janelle Moran, City Clerk

Jesse Grof, Mayor