

Minutes
City Council
March 5, 2018

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 5th day of March, 2018, at 7:00 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: Travis Goracke, Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, Tim Kluck, Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: None. Others present: 2 Staff, City Attorney, and 1 member of the media.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing and comments on the application for a Class D Liquor License for Casey's Retail Company DBA Casey's General Store 2750, 120 N. 12th Street, Tecumseh, NE. Hearing opened at 7:02 p.m. Lisa Beethe and Bruce Dalluge presented the license application information. No public comment was received. Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Report received. Discussed recent school violence that is being seen around the country. Sheriff Walton indicated they will receive some training soon for small community responses to these types of incidents - it's a 5-day course. Briefly discussed desire for a school resource officer that may rotate between Tecumseh, Cook, and Sterling – may look into grant funds for this type of resource in the future.

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.
- b. Election Candidates – staff provided the official list of candidates who filed for mayor and city council positions.
- c. Legislation Update from League of Municipalities Conference – staff provided a list of bills that the League is following that may impact municipalities.

Street Department Report – Doug provided the report. Staff has been doing pothole patching, but has run out of mix. They ordered more ice melt and have gone through much of that with icy road conditions this winter. Staff is requesting a revision to the minutes from last meeting (see discussion later in minutes).

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Indicated that he has provided information on 2 more business proposals, has 2 loan applications to review, and is working on the housing study and comprehensive plan with Hanna:Keelan. He is inviting people to take part on the Housing Advisory Committee.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Indicated bid opening for the Electrical Ring Bus Project is Thursday, March 8th, the new catalyst bricks/filters for the power plant engines have been received, looking into maintenance companies for the Gas Building at the Wastewater Plant, looking at bids for new fuel tanks at the power plant, approved purchase of a new hose for the old jet truck, briefly reviewed the franchise agreement amendment with Unite Private, and set a utility deposit amount for a commercial property.

Parks Department Report – Doug indicated that the bridge repairs have been made with the new slats – they kept 2 old ones as extras. Lisa indicated that applications for summer pool staff is in process.

Liquor License for Casey's General Store 2750, 120 N. 12th Street, Tecumseh, NE. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the liquor license as requested. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Supplement to Franchise Agreement with Unite Private Networks for Town & Country Vet and Mainstreet Bank projects. Bruce reviewed the project request. Motion by Grof, second by Kluck to approve the agreement as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Janen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

American Legion Ballfield Lease – Add salary for Jr. Team Coach of \$1,339 and review terms for 2018 season. Lisa Beeche reported on additional information received from the Legion – made a profit of about \$1,170 on gate and concessions in 2017. They are making field improvements, need to purchase equipment (balls), and pay their insurance this year. They do have plans to reinstate the old signs on the outfield fence to help with additional income. They will have 9 home games in 2018 (total of 18 with Jr. & Sr. games). Umpire costs last year were \$65/for single games per umpire or \$110/for double games per umpire – we paid \$480 total for umpires last year (only 4 games). If costs are the same we estimate \$1,980 for 18 games (\$110 each umpire-2 games per night). Discussed that they are still trying to get on their feet and we will continue to help this year. Will add the 2nd coaching salary of \$1,339 for 2018 and leave all other terms the same for this year. Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to add salary for 2nd coach and leave all other terms the same for 2018. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Motion Carried.

Purchase John Deere Z930R Commercial Mower for City Parks - \$9,600. Will replace old mower given to City many years ago. Motion by Reed, second by Topp to purchase the new mower for \$9,600. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Recycling Center Update – Lisa reported on her conversations with the recycling company. They would not currently be able to pick up every week unless some other communities did additional pickup as well – it would not be worth it to them to only come get ours every week. Discussed adding containers – is currently not economical to bale cardboard because there is not

a market for the bales. We may contact known large contributors and see if additional containers can be added at their locations. We will continue to work on solutions for the recycling center.

Discuss Walking/Biking Trail in Tecumseh – Council member Tim Kluck wanted to get additional information on whether the City has looked at adding a walking/biking trail. It has been discussed before – something to the school, library, fairgrounds areas. Land rights are an issue, and cost. Will look into possible grants and their requirements. Could do a crushed rock trail instead of paving. Should include this in our Comprehensive Plan discussions. The Council would like to continue discussion at the next meeting – may appoint a committee to work on a draft route and then discuss cost estimates. Staff will provide a city map for them to look at next month.

Consent Agenda

Request to remove the minutes from the Consent Agenda to discuss separately.

Motion by Grof, second by Reed to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Pay bills for City Funds
2. Mayoral Appointment – Lindy Mahoney for Pride Committee

Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting – previously discussed a revision to the minutes. Doug Goracke requested clarification regarding his comments on having a street project ready in waiting in case additional funds become available for such projects.

The following revision was proposed to the Street Department Report:

Original text: “Doug commented that he thought we should have a street project ready to go in case NDOT would require us to use our highway allocation funds (saved for the Downtown Square Project) prior to that project being ready to start.”

Revised text: “Doug commented that he thought we should have a street project ready to go if additional funds become available.”

Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the minutes with the revision as proposed. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor