

Minutes
City Council
July 2, 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 2nd day of July, 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, Tim Kluck, Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen. Others present: 2 Staff, City Attorney, and 9 members of the public.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M.

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – Item #12 was added as an emergency item on 7/2/18 at 2:30 p.m. Motion by Reed, second by Topp to approve the revised agenda. Voting Aye: Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Jansen. Motion Carried.

Regular Agenda

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Received monthly report.

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.
- b. Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting – Monday, July 9th @ 6:30 p.m. – Clerk Beethe included a flyer in the packet for the public meeting.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Staff indicated that Olsson Associates inspected the retaining wall on Hwy. 136 & 5th Street (NW side) – they do not have any concerns about the wall at this time. They will monitor the wall for any shifting.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Staff is working with Hanna:Keelan on the Comprehensive Plan update and Housing Study surveys. They have also been doing inspections on houses for demo.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Well #6 replacement work is ongoing. The electrical ring-bus project is moving along ahead of schedule.

Parks Department Report – Doug indicated that we may want to consider purchasing new tennis court nets in the FY 18-19 budget.

Revised Resolution for Lot Split Application by Donald D Ensor for the West Fifty (50) rods of the Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Five (5) North, Range Eleven (11) East of the 6th P.M., Johnson County, Nebraska, except the South Thirty-eight (38) rods thereof, except Eastridge Addition to Tecumseh, Johnson County, Nebraska, and except Blocks One (1), Twenty-six (26) and Twenty-seven (27), Original Town of Tecumseh, Johnson County, Nebraska and except a tract of land located in the West 50 rods of the Southwest One-Quarter (SW ¹/₄) of Section 27, Township 5 North, Range 11 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Johnson County, Nebraska. Motion by Goracke, second by Kluck to introduce the resolution for approval. Voting Aye: Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Jansen. Motion Carried.

New Swimming Pool – Shayne Huxoll, Olsson Associates

- a. Bid & Construction Start Dates – Discuss Closing Pool in 2019. Shayne indicated that a longer construction period (starting Spring 2019) would most likely lead to better bids for the project. It would avoid additional costs for winter time construction & concrete pouring. This could be a quality issue as well. The spring start just gives the contractor additional time to complete the entire project before the next pool season. Jim Reed thinks that if we can save money we should go for the earlier construction start and try to find other activities for the kids next summer. Mayor Montz thinks the quality will be much better if we avoid the winter pour, and we would save the operating expense of trying to open the pool next year and put those funds towards the new pool. Doug indicated that significant problems with the filters is making it difficult to keep the pool open and would be costly to repair. This was something the state inspector was concerned with when they were here a couple of week ago. The inspector was also concerned with the slide and the ladders. A prospective timeline would be to have bids out by end of 2018/early 2019 with construction to be completed before pool season in 2020. The contractor could start anytime in early 2019. Shayne has talked with some pool contractors and indicated we could save 10-30% in costs by starting earlier. Motion by Reed, second by Goracke to close the pool in 2019 and start construction early. Voting Aye: Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Jansen. Motion Carried.
- b. Possible alternate activities for 2019 – Since the pool will not be open in 2019 the Pool Committee would like to work on some alternate activities for kids during the summer. We may still need to hire a couple of summer employees to oversee these activities, including: Slip & Slide events, hydrant parties, movies at the Community Building, or using the handi-bus to take kids to other nearby pools. The committee will work on some ideas for Council approval later.
- c. Sell pool/bathhouse items – Staff has received some inquiries from people interested in buying items before demolition – like the roof tin, board, slide, etc. The Fundraising Committee would like to salvage and sell the beams in the office area with lifeguard signatures on them. The City may be interested in some items for re-use, but anything else can be sold.
- d. Cash Flow Discussion – Shayne and Lisa will work together on cash flow estimates for the new timeline. We will need to work up some numbers for the upcoming budget as well. Lisa will also start applying for more foundation grants right away – need to move the timeline on these up too. We are currently on target for hopefully funding about \$2 million of the project with City funds, grants, and donations and borrowing the balance if needed.

2018-2019 Budget

- a. Set Budget Workshop Meeting Date – Set meeting date for Thursday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m.

- b. Appoint Wage Scale & Performance Evaluation Committee – appointed Jesse Grof and Travis Goracke from the Council. Other members include Chuck Murphy from BPW, Doug Goracke, Mike Davison, Lisa Beethe, and the Mayor

Johnson County Parade Resolution – Motion by Reed, second by Topp to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Jansen. Motion Carried.

Library

- a. Security Cameras – Doug has been looking into security camera packages. Verizon offers a camera for \$350 + \$39.95/month airtime charges. Can do a 30-day free trial. He is working with the Sheriff's office on recommendations and references. The old camera's the City had purchased do not work well or at all anymore. Lisa will review the budget to see if costs can be covered this year, or wait to put in next year's budget.
- b. Advertise for part-time, substitute position – Discussion. Motion by Topp, second by Goracke not to hire a new substitute and to close the Library if necessary. Voting Aye: Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Jansen. Motion Carried.

Advertise to fill Deputy Clerk position – Clerk Beethe indicated that Tami Badertscher has resigned, effective July 13th. She indicated that the Board of Public Works voted not to post the position internally first – they want to advertise publicly immediately. Motion by Reed, second by Topp to advertise for the Deputy Clerk position. Voting Aye: Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Jansen. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Voting Aye: Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Jansen. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor