

Minutes
City Council
July 6, 2020

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 6th day of July, 2020, 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: Alicia Brommer, Travis Goracke, Tim Kluck (7:03), Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: Jeff Mahoney. Others present: Mayor, 2 Staff, 1 Media.

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

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – None.

Regular Agenda

Johnson County Sheriff's Report- Report Received

City Clerk Report-

Consider Opening City Hall to public mid-July. Motion by Reed, Second by Goracke to Open City Hall mid-July. Voting Aye: Brommer, Goracke, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Kluck. Not Present: Mahoney. Motion Carried.

Street Dept. Report- Doug Goracke provided the report. Looking over preliminary design for Hwy 50 project. Watching for infrastructure funding from COVID for potential street project.

Parks Report- None

Utility Department Report-Doug Goracke gave the report. Replaced two poles. Pole transfer for pool project is completed, only thing left is the power transfer. Sanitized parks, Community Building, City Hall and Library doing Monday. 3 service calls (1- storm related, 2 squirrel related) Jet sewer on north 10th, no blockage, customer reported plugged sewer. Worked on Digger truck, springs broke. Cleaned pool (Moran girls) Taps on transformer in sub working great. Still getting info on SCADA upgrades/replacement.

Economic Development Report-Doug Goracke provided the report. Two Owner Occupied Rehab projects nearing completion, still have approximately \$10K left for small project. Applying for second round possibly. Should be hearing any day on EDA Grant. Finalized Broadband application, very poor response to survey but just submitted what we had, very poor response on letters of support as well. If community wants to take advantage of funding we need their support. Eyes wide open for more possible COVID related funding.

Form Wage Committee: Reed & Topp will serve on committee.

Approve Mayor's Appointment of Tom Morrissey and Bill Montz Sr. to the Planning Commission Board. Bill Montz Sr. to the Housing Authority Board. Removing Tom Morrissey from the Community Building Board. Motion by Reed, Second by Kluck to approve Mayor's appointments as presented. Voting Aye: Brommer, Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not present: Mahoney. Not Present: Mahoney. Motion Carried.

Approve Payment of Housing Rehab projects: #001-\$11,352.00; Project #002 -\$18,656.00. Motion by Kluck, Second by Goracke to approve payments for Housing Rehab projects as presented. Voting Aye: Brommer, Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not present: Mahoney. Motion Carried.

Consider \$2,000 contribution to Johnson County Historical Society for 15-year agreement, (started in 2019) reviewable each year. Motion by Reed, Second by Topp to Contribute \$2,000 to JCHS.

Consider hiring Jeremy Griepenstroh for Utility position, set wage. Per Board of Public Works Recommendation to hire Griepenstroh at \$25.00/hr at completion of 6 mo. Probation wage increases to \$26.00/hr. Motion by Reed, second by Topp to hire Griepenstroh at \$25.00/hr at completion of 6 mo. Probation wage increases to \$26.00/hr. Voting Aye: Brommer, Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not present: Mahoney. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the June 1, and June 18, 2020 meeting
 2. Pay bills for City Funds
 3. Approve payment of SENDD dues 7/1/2020-6/30/2021-\$1,575.00; and
Housing Dues 7/1/2020-6/30/2021- \$503.00
 4. Ratify all action taken by Tecumseh City Council on the following meeting dates, April 6, 2020; May 5, 2020; June 1, 2020; and June 18, 2020 held by Conference Call due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Voting Aye: Brommer, Goracke, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present Mahoney. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Janelle Moran, City Clerk

Jesse Grof, Mayor