

Minutes
City Council
September 2, 2025

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 2nd day of September, 2025, 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, Brian Britt, Travis Goracke, Tyler Speckmann and Lorie Topp. Absent: Alicia Brommer. Others present: Mayor, 1 Staff, City Attorney, 1 Media, 1 SENDD Rep.

Meeting called to order at 5:01 P.M.

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Adoption of updated 2025 Downtown Blight and Substandard Study and recommend to Council- Tabled, until Planning Commission review is complete.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application to Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to address commercial façade rehabilitation. Hearing opened at 5:02 p.m. Brittany McCullough with SENDD reiterated the application terms as described in the Notice of Public Hearing. Hearing Closed at 5:04.

Regular Agenda

City Clerk Report- Finishing up Budget will file with state. Beginning on 24-25 Audit work.

Streets Report- None.

Economic Development Report- None.

Utility Department Report- Davison- Ran engines with OPPD on site after power outage and damage to the transformers, went well. Ordered new fuses.

Parks Report- Work will begin on Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts in the park this week.

Consider agreement between City of Tecumseh and SENDD for NDEE GRID Resiliency Project- \$25,000. Motion by Britt to approve. Second by Topp. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried.

Consider approval of updated 2025 Downtown Blight and Substandard Study. Tabled until Planning Commission Reviews.

Consider and adoption of CDBG DTR program guidelines. Motion by Speckmann to approve. Second by Goracke. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried.

Consider Resolution of the City of Tecumseh, NE authorizing the Mayor to sign Application for CDBG funds for Downtown Revitalization – Commercial Rehabilitation. Motion by Topp to approve. Second by Beethe. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried.

Appoint the ED Board as CDBG DTR Committee. Motion by Britt to approve. Second by Topp. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried.

Consider approval of increasing the Restricted Funds Base in the 2025-2026 Budget by 1% over the allowable growth percent. Motion by Speckmann, Second by Goracke to approve the Restricted Funds Base in the 2025-2026 Budget by 1% over the allowable growth percent. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried.

Consider Approval of Resolution setting the 2025-2026 Property Tax Request at a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year. Introduction and Motion to approve Resolution by Beethe, second by Britt. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried.

Introduction and consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, to adopt the budget statement to be termed the annual appropriation bill; to appropriate sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to provide for an effective date. Motion by Speckmann to introduce an ordinance to adopt the budget statement to be termed the annual appropriation bill; to appropriate sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to provide for an effective date and to approve waiving of the statutory rule requiring that the ordinance be read by title on three different days. The motion was seconded by Beethe. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp, Nay: None, Not Present, Brommer. Motion by Goracke, seconded by Beethe, to approve final passage of Ordinance and have it published in pamphlet form. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp, Voting Nay: None, Not Present: Brommer. Motion carried.

Consider and Approval of Economic Development Lot Transfer Agreement with Louis Keim and Authorize Mayor to execute Deed. Motion by Goracke to approve. Second by Topp. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried.

Consider approval of Miller Painting and Decorating bid for swimming pool sandblast and repainting-\$58,710.00. Motion by Topp to approve. Second by Beethe. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the August 18, 2025 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Janelle Moran, City Clerk

Jesse Grof, Mayor