

Minutes
Board of Public Works
April 7, 2025

The Board of Public Works of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room, Council Chambers on the 7th day of April, 2025 at 4:00 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 showing the advance time by which such advance publicized notice was given, a statement of how the availability of an agenda of then known subjects was communicated and the time and specific place of the holding of this meeting. Each member was previously furnished with a copy of said advance publicized notice, the same having been transmitted to each member simultaneously with its publicized notice. The Chair presided and the City Clerk recorded the proceedings.

The following members of the Board of Public Works were present: Mark Badertscher, Dan Blessing, Charles Murphy. Absent: Others present: 3 staff members.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M.

Chairman Blessing read the statement of availability of current copy of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes of the March 17, 2025 meetings were provided to members. Motion by Blessing, second by Badertscher to approve minutes. Voting Aye: Badertscher, Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills – Motion by Murphy, second by Badertscher to approve the payment of bills. Voting Aye: Badertscher, Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried.

Water/Waste Water Report- Jeremy Gripenstroh: All Routine samples passed. 15 Locates. 2 Read and leave on. 1 Turn off. Replaced 1 meter due to freezing. Replaced 1 meter due to end of life cycle. Fixed a leak on the 6" main @ 62118 Hwy 136. Pumped approximately 22,971,295 gallons, an average of 741,010 gal. per day. Lost power at wellfield for 4 hours 3/14/25 ran generator to maintain tower levels.

WASTEWATER: Approximately 20,897,629 gallons were processed through the wastewater system. MBA pumped approx. 12,430,329 gallons of wastewater into the treatment plant. TSCI pumped approx. 3,263,297 gallons of wastewater into the treatment plant. Cleaned Clarifier 2 times. Adjusted wasting several times to maintain optimum sample results with fluctuating temperatures. Jetted a couple locations. Completed quarterly sampling at MBA, TSCI, and Influent. 3 employees took the Class II wastewater class and all 3 passed the exam.

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke & Mike Davison: Still waiting on final award for Grid Grant. Shed addition completed. Replaced three poles. Several outages from storms. Siren by town towers in need of repair. #2 Gen unit down for repairs. Replacement of valve at town towers. Final meeting on Water Quality study.

Consider quotes from Sargent Drilling for Valve replacement at town towers. Motion by Blessing, second by Badertscher to approve the quote for \$20,849.47. Voting Aye: Badertscher, Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried.

Consider estimate from Cypress Engine Accessories for emergency repairs to Engine #2-\$405,196.73

- a. Consider estimate from Stern Oil for oil for engine #2-\$16,000. Motion by Badertscher, second by Murphy to approve the emergency repairs by Cypress, estimate \$405,196.73, and Stern Oil estimate for Engine #2-\$16,000. Voting Aye: Badertscher, Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried.

Consider purchase of new water meter from Core & Main for Prison-\$5,378.25. Motion by Blessing, second by Badertscher to approve purchase. Voting Aye: Badertscher, Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried.

Consider water line & tap installation at JCC practice field. Motion by Murphy, second by Blessing to allow for water line and tap to be installed. Voting Aye: Badertscher, Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried.

Consider Lance Laug going through the Merchant's Lineman on-line training. Motion by Blessing, second by Badertscher to approve training. Voting Aye: Badertscher, Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried.

Consider Wage increase for Kaleb Kuhlmann and Alex Kuhl, Grade II Sewer Certification, Taylor Kuhl Grade I & II Sewer Certification. Motion by Murphy, second by Badertscher to approve \$1.50 increase for Kuhlmann and A. Kuhl, \$3.00 increase for T. Kuhl Voting Aye: Badertscher, Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried

Consider summer mowing staff, Kaden Badertscher-set wage. Motion by Blessing, second by Murphy to approve \$1.00 increase, wage set to \$17.00/hr. Voting Aye: Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Abstain: Badertscher. Motion Carried.

Consider a quote from Aaron Sterup Construction for \$4,600 overhead door and \$2,000 concrete. Motion by Badertscher, second by Murphy to approve quote. Voting Aye: Badertscher, Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried.

Review Delinquent Accounts

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Janelle Moran, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman