

Minutes
City Council
February 3, 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 3rd day of February, 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, Tyler Speckmann and Lorie Topp. Absent: Alicia Brommer, Travis Goracke. Others present: Mayor, 2 Staff, City Attorney.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M.

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – None

Regular Agenda

City Clerk Report- Continuing working with Engineers on Event Center Design, Grants.

Streets Report- provided by Doug Goracke- Street in Shawnee staked, as soon as frost leaves, will start moving dirt.

Economic Development Report- Doug Goracke- Working on finishing items for DTR Planning study, I recommend doing updating Blight Study while we have the information. Gather data for DTR revitalization application. NDOT DTR project progressing well, still scheduled for bid in August so far.

Utility Department Report- Doug Goracke- Still waiting on final award for Grid Grant. Installing water meters, few issues to resolve. Water leak on 2nd. Power outage, transformer bad. Guys traveled to Wilbur to look over engine installation, going to Kansas in coming weeks. Working on cleaning out old pool for demo.

Parks Report- Applications for the Aquatic Center are coming in. Lifeguard training will be mid April. Pool will need to be filled first part of April. Discussion on pool boiler. Someone from American Boiler will come take a look at it.

Approve transfer of funds from the City fund to Economic Development for Hwy 50 land purchase, \$180,000. Motion by Britt, Seconded by Speckmann, to approve Transfer. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried.

Consider hiring Stacie Lada as a Temporary, Part-time Grant Write/Project assistant-Set Wage. Motion by Speckmann, starting wage of \$19/hr for 3 mo. Prob. Period, then re-evaluate. Seconded by Britt. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried.

Consider buyout of Lease/purchase with Merchant's Fleet of two 2023 Ford pickups-\$43,900.00/each. Motion by Beethe, Seconded by Topp. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried.

Consider appointment of Justin Beethe as City Building Inspector, Doug Goracke as Deputy Inspector. Motion by Speckmann, Seconded by Topp. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried.

Consider Resolution adopting the Public Transportation Assistance FY 2026-2027. Motion by Beethe, Seconded by Britt. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Janelle Moran, City Clerk

Jesse Grof, Mayor