

Minutes
Board of Public Works
March 4, 2024

The Board of Public Works of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room, Council Chambers on the 4th day of March, 2024 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: Dan Blessing, Charles Murphy. Absent: Mark Badertscher. Others present: 3 staff members.

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

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

Minutes of the February 20, 2024 meetings were provided to members. Motion by Murphy, second by Blessing to approve minutes. Voting Aye: Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Badertscher. Motion Carried.

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

Water/Waste Water Report- Jeremy Griepenstroh- All routine samples passed. 47 Locates. 1 Read and leave on. Pumped approximately 19,910,400 gallons, an average of 642,270 gal. per day. Repaired 4" water main break @ Hwy 50 & Clay Street. Replaced 2 meter gaskets and bottoms due to freezing. Patched concrete on 13th South of Lincoln. Sent 3 individuals to the Grade IV water class in Norfolk (2/6-2/8). Met with Lincoln Williams with HOA Solutions regarding service and cyber security options.

Effluent Ammonia levels remained spiked due to extremely low temperatures in January. We made the decision to fill the lagoons for a couple weeks (1/31/24 – 2/22/24) to let the plant get back to normal and avoid permit compliance issues in February. Ammonia levels have since dropped and we are back to normal operation. Spoke with HOA to make some programming adjustments to our RAS/WAS pump controls to hopefully help out in the future with our seasonal high ammonia issues. Jetted the 300 Block of N. 3rd Street. No issues found. Signed up 2 individuals for the upcoming wastewater class in Hastings (3/11-3/14).

Utility Foremen's Report – Doug Goracke , Looking into Cyber Security and Maintenance contract with HOA Solutions. Plant Cooling Project design being reviewed by EDA, advertising for bids on Friday the 1st. Water leak at Clay and 50.

Consider Skid Steer Lease Buyout/Purchase Option-\$58,000. Motion by Murphy to approve lease buyout/purchase option for \$58,000, second by Blessing, Voting Aye: Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Badertscher. Motion Carried.

Consider wage increase for Alex Kuhl, Water Certification Grade 4 - Motion by Blessing to increase \$1.50/hr, seconded by Murphy. Voting Aye: Blessing, Murphy. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Badertscher. Motion Carried.

Review Delinquent Accounts

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Janelle Moran, City Clerk

Dan Blessing, Chairman