

Minutes
City Council
July 7, 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 7th day of July, 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 Deputy 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, City Attorney, 2 Staff. 1 Media and 1 Public

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- no updates.

Streets Report- provided by Doug Goracke- DTR Letters are out, have received several responses. Dirt work for Tomahawk Dr. to start soon.

Economic Development Report- Doug Goracke- Taking bids for demolishing two properties. Property transfer (New business) in Shawnee next to U Stop. Final draft of Blight Study complete, agenda items and public hearing in August. Final draft of DTR Planning nearing completion, beginning application for DTR Façade Improvement funding.

Utility Department Report- Doug Goracke- We were awarded NDEE grid Resiliency Grant, \$851,358 NDEE, our match 467,919. Total \$1,319,277. This will be used for upgrades to substation. Storm damage, several outages. Water main break on 10th north of town. Digging up water main by plant for tap for cooling project. About a week of work left for JCH transfer. Wellhead protection draft for approval. Cypress operating board nearly installed. Engine #2 back in service. Air permit complete. New Gen units permit nearing approval.

Parks Report-

- a. Consider quote from Pro Track & Tennis for improvements to the Tennis Courts and Basketball Court at the Park-\$43,100.00. Motion by Topp to approve quote. Second by Britt. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried.

Form Wage Committee-two council representatives: Britt and Topp will serve as Council representatives.

Consider approval of Pay Application No. 3 from Farabee Mechanical for Power Plant Project-\$703,869.91. Motion by Topp to approve. Second by Speckmann. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried.

Approve Agreement to Transfer Economic Development Lot. Motion by Speckmann to approve. Second by Beethe. Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried.

Approve Contract for Sale by ED to Chanco Properties, LLC. Motion by Beethe to approve. Second by Speckmann. Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried

Approve Application and Resolution for Lot Split by Rachel Walters, PR for the Benjamin E. Walters Estate. Motion by Topp to approve. Second by Britt. Aye: Beethe, Britt, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Brommer, Goracke. Motion Carried

Review and Consider for final passage an ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, amending the Tecumseh Municipal Code sections 1-809 through 1-820 to add definitions, requirements and policies for Design-build and Construction Management at Risk Contracts; renumbering Sections 1-809 through 1-817 to be 1-821 through 1-829 to allow for the insertion of the Design-build sections; add Section 6-212 to define animal bites and attacks; amend Section 10-119 to change hours of sale of alcoholic beverages. Tabled, need 5 members present to vote.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the June 16, 2025 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Kerry Miller, Deputy City Clerk

Jesse Grof, Mayor