

Minutes
City Council
December 2, 2024

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 December, 2024, 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: Alicia Brommer, Travis Goracke, Jim Reed, Tyler Speckmann and Lorie Topp. Absent: Lance Beethe. Others present: Mayor, 2 Staff, City Attorney, 1 media, D.A. 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

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approve minutes of the November 18, 2024 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Receive Certification of Election

Adjournment Sine Die at 5:01

TRANSITION TO NEW COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Called to order at 5:10 p.m.

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

Administer Oath of Office to elected Council members, Britt, Goracke, Topp.

The following Council Members were present: Lance Beethe, Brian Britt, Alicia Brommer, Travis Goracke, Tyler Speckmann and Lorie Topp. Others present: Mayor, 2 Staff, City Attorney, 1 media, 2 public.

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – None

Regular Agenda

Public Hearing and comments regarding City of Tecumseh, NE One & Six Year Road and Street Improvement Plan. Hearing opened at 5:12. No public comment, Closed at 5:13 p.m.

City Clerk Report- Doug and Janelle met with Lamp Rynearson on design plans for the Event/Early Learning Center. We have received a first draft conceptual design and will be working on modifications

with Lamp Rynearson. Doug and Janelle met with Mr. John Levy with the Scott Family Foundation in Omaha on funding opportunities for the Event Center/Early Learning Center the visit went well, and was very encouraging.

Streets Report- provided by Doug Goracke- Truck and plow here, lights are installed. Some random signs have been installed. Patchwork to be done soon.

Economic Development Report- Doug Goracke- Met with developer on housing project, more to come. Event Center discussion progressing, interest in other locations in that area. Planning grant almost complete, another planning meeting scheduled for the 18th.

Utility Department Report- Doug Goracke- Generator units to be tested the 1st week in December, if tests are good ship the 12th or 13th. Boring done for 2400V relocation at Hospital. Scheduled boring for new house on first street, this week. 4 URD services to be installed. OPPD discussion on rates, item on agenda. Olsson reviewing sewer rates for upcoming year. 2nd street water design nearing completion, contract on agenda.

Parks Report- Kids Club: October 21st – Movie in the community building, Number of kids: 14
Community events: October 28th – 31st: The Family “Great Pumpkin” scavenger hunt, Prize for pumpkin found is \$75 off a pool pass for the 2025 summer , Winners: Dawson Beethe, Cooper Kuhl, Camryn Meints, Casin & Bentley Gottula. October 31st – Trunk or Treat on the square, Number of kids: 150 at least came through the line . November 16th – Women’s Pickleball Tournament, Number of teams signed up: 11 Teams. The event drew teams from Tecumseh, Johnson, Auburn, Pawnee City, Sterling, and Lincoln. December events: Operation Christmas Joy! Drop your letter to Santa in Santa’s special mail, and Santa might just write back! If your child drops off a letter, please stop by to fill out the paperwork. Santa needs a return address to ensure his letter reaches the right house. The cost is \$5 per letter.
Book Club at the Library on Dec 5th at 6 pm. Make sure to stop by the Tecumseh Public Library to pick up a “blind date” for our Christmas book. Christmas on the Square Dec 8th Candy Walk for \$1
December 16th- with the 4H office for a Christmas party.

Consider Resolution 24-5 adopting the One & Six Year Plan for Street Improvements for the City of Tecumseh. Motion by Brommer, Second by Beethe, to adopt Plan. Voting Aye: Britt, Beethe, Brommer, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Motion Carried.

Consider Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent, Resolution 2024-6, Signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent Form. Motion by Goracke, Second by Speckmann, approve Year-End Certification. Voting Aye: Britt, Beethe, Brommer, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Motion Carried.

Street Superintendent Appointment- Recommend Appointing Matt Schaardt as the City’s Street Superintendent for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 Year. Motion by Brommer, Second by Topp, approve Year-End Certification. Voting Aye: Britt, Beethe, Brommer, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Motion Carried.

Elect Council President for January 2025-December 2025 year. Goracke nominated Speckmann, seconded by Topp. Voting Aye: Britt, Beethe, Brommer, Goracke, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Speckmann. Not Present: Motion Carried

Consider Changing Health Insurance plan options for 2025 year. Motion by Goracke, seconded by Topp to change Health Insurance coverage to BCBS of NE. Voting Aye: Britt, Beethe, Brommer, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Motion Carried.

Consider Professional Services Agreement with Olssons for 2nd Street Water Improvement Project- \$104,500.00 Motion by Beethe, seconded by Topp to approve agreement. Voting Aye: Britt, Beethe, Brommer, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Janelle Moran, City Clerk

Jesse Grof, Mayor