

Minutes  
City Council  
November 6, 2017

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 6th day of November, 2017, at 7:00 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: Travis Goracke, Kim Jansen, Tim Kluck, Jim Philippi, and Jim Reed. Absent: Jesse Grof. Others present: 2 Staff, City Attorney, 2 members of the media, and 3 members of Sheriff's Dept.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – None

**Regular Agenda**

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Report received. Sargent Franks and 2 additional deputies conducted a demonstration with the K-9 Drug Unit. They planted trace drug elements inside and outside and showed the Council how the dog searches and points out the drugs. Sargent Franks also showed the Council the vehicle used with the K-9 unit – it has a lot of specialized equipment just for the dog and handler.

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets. Mayor Montz also indicated that he and Jack Stinson purchased some cabinets for the kitchenette upstairs in the Community Building. They will work on installation soon.

Street Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Staff indicated that they are picking up ice melt this week and that repairs to the tar kettle have been made for crack sealing work.

Economic Development Report – Doug Goracke gave the report. Demolition work is being finished up for this year. A Blight & Substandard Study has been completed in the Shawnee Ridge area of town for a potential TIF (Tax Increment Financing) project. Bruce Dalluge explained how a TIF project would work. The Planning Commission must review the report and will bring it to the City with redevelopment recommendations at a future meeting.

Utility Department Report – Doug Goracke gave the report.

- a. Fairbanks Morse Engine invoice - \$37,520.56. The board approved the invoice and recommend approval by the Council. Motion by Philippi, second by Kluck to approve the

invoice. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

b. Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska Declaring an Emergency and Waiving an Engineer's Estimate of Costs and Advertising for Bids Regarding the City's New Water Well. The Board of Public Works also approved an ordinance declaring an emergency on the well. Motion by Reed, second by Philippi to introduce the ordinance and waive the 3 reading rule. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried. Motion by Philippi, second by Goracke for final approval of the ordinance as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

c. Contract with Olsson Associates for New Well engineering - \$38,965. The Board approved the contract. Motion by Goracke, second by Jansen to approve the contract as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Parks Department Report – Doug indicated that he has not been able to order the treads for the playground equipment bridge in the park. Not having any luck get them from the original company. May need to find another bridge to replace it from another company. He indicated the park restrooms will be locked for the winter months.

Resolution of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska Supporting the Need for a New Housing Study and Updating the City's Comprehensive Plan; Agreeing to Pay Costs of the Same; and Approving Planning Commission's Application for a Grant from NIFA – Doug indicated that we need to update the Housing and Comp. Plans as part of the Blight & Substandard Study. The Planning Commission is meeting to authorize an application to NIFA for grant funds – it would be a 70/30 match – the City's share would be about \$18-19K. Motion by Reed, second by Philippi to approve the Resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Agreement with GIS Workshop to create a City Zoning Map - \$1,150. Bruce Dalluge explained how the mapping would work and could be used on the City's website. Motion by Reed, second by Goracke to approve the agreement as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, Amending Sections 1-101, 1-607, 1-803, 1-804, 2-202, 2-215, 3-801, 4-304, 6-320, 8-103, 8-415, and 8-417 of the Tecumseh Municipal Code to change provisions regarding the Mayor's jurisdiction, to change publication rules, to change when notice of hearing for amended budget shall be published, to change when notice of hearing for budget shall be published, to change who can be a member of the Planning Commission, to change who can be a member of the Citizen Advisory Review Committee, to change utility discontinuance of service procedures, to change nuisance jurisdiction, to change notice requirements for nuisance abatement, to change how city property may be conveyed, to clarify the street petitioning process, and to clarify the City's power to improve streets. Motion by Philippi, second by Kluck to introduce the ordinance and waive the 3 reading rule. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried. Motion by Reed, second by Jansen for final approval of the ordinance to update City Codes as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof. Motion Carried.

## **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Philippi, second by Kluck to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting.
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Philippi, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof.  
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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Ann Curry, Deputy City Clerk

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William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor