

Minutes
City Council
December 4, 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 4th day of December, 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 City Clerk recorded the proceedings.

Routine Business

The following Council Members were present: Travis Goracke, Kim Jansen, Tim Kluck, and Jim Reed. Absent: Jesse Grof and Jim Philippi. Others present: 1 Staff, City Attorney, and 1 member of the media.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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.

City Clerk Report

a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.

Street Department Report – No staff report.

- a. Appoint Street Superintendent – Matt Schardt. Motion by Reed, second by Goracke to appoint Matt Schardt as the Street Superintendent. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Philippi. Motion Carried.
- b. NE Dept. of Transportation Annual Streets Report – Motion by Goracke, second by Kluck to approve the report for submission to the State. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Philippi. Motion Carried.

Economic Development Report – No staff report. Bruce & Lisa indicated that we will have information on a possible Blight & Substandard Area at the next meeting. This would allow the possible use of TIF funds for new housing development.

Utility Department Report – No staff report.

- a. Retroactive approval of bid from Sargent Irrigation for new well - \$220,000. Discussion. Motion by Reed, second by Kluck to approve the bid as presented. Voting aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Philippi. Motion Carried.
- b. Review Water & Sewer Rate Adjustments – No action required.

c. Purchase Material for Electric Ring Bus Project – Discussion. Motion by Reed, second by Jansen to approve the purchase of materials as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Reed. Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Philippi. Motion Carried.

Parks Department Report – Lisa indicated that the bridge planks have now been ordered to repair the playground equipment.

Resolution #2107-17 – Changing January 2018 meeting date to January 2, 2018. Motion by Reed, second by Goracke to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Jansen, Kluck, Reed. Nay: None. Not Present: Grof, Philippi. Motion Carried.

Election for President of the Council – Goracke nominated Reed, but he declined. Reed nominated Goracke. Nominations ceased. Voting Aye: Jansen, Kluck, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Goracke. Not Present: Grof, Philippi. Motion Carried.

Health Insurance Renewal – Ms. Beethe presented the changes in the plan for 2018. The \$500 deductible plan is no longer available, so the minimum will be a \$1,000 deductible. A comparable plan is available at a 3.1% premium increase. The Board of Public Works requested that staff arrange a meeting with all employees and the insurance broker to review available plan options prior to the January meeting. The Council will delay action until the January meeting as well. No action taken.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting.
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Mayoral Appointments
 - a. Kevin McKinney – Planning Commission
 - b. Patrick Brommer – Planning Commission
 - c. Lori Topp – Planning Commission
4. Request for Lisa Beethe to attend League of Municipalities Midwinter Conference in Lincoln on February 26-27, 2018 and Clerk school on March 25-29, 2018 in Grand Island.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor