

Minutes
City Council
February 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 February, 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: Renee Carter, Travis Goracke, Jesse Grof, and Jim Reed. Absent: Kim Jansen and Jim Philippi. Others present: Lisa Beethe, Dan Blessing, Bruce Dalluge, Ray Kappel, Kevin McKinney, and Trevor Mills.

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.

Public Hearing

Mayor Montz opened the Public Hearing for comments on the City of Tecumseh's One-Year and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Montz and Clerk Beethe presented the plan to council and the public. There were no comments from the public. The Mayor closed the hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Johnson County Sheriff Report – Received report.

Moved Agenda Item #12 up – Street Closure for Music Festival – Kevin McKinney addressed the council with Music Festival plans. They are looking at July 15th as the date now (as long as the Cook BBQ is not the same date). They would like to block off the entire street between SENCA and the north side of the old fire hall again. Council indicated that the street closure is no problem, but we cannot guarantee use of the old fire hall since we are in the process of taking ownership and then planning to re-sell the building this year. We may not own the building at the time of the event. They would also like Council to consider contributing up to \$3,000 to sponsor the band – Jake Gill. Kevin indicated that he thought the City contributed these funds a couple of years ago from Keno Funds. Motion by Grof, second by Carter to allow closure of 4th Street from the SENCA Building to the north side of the old fire hall for this event. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen, Philippi. Motion Carried. The Council will consider the contribution and get back to Kevin.

Audit Report by Schulz & Associates – Colt Feighner presented the City of Tecumseh audit report to the Council. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approved the 2015-2016 audit report as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen, Philippi. Motion Carried.

City Clerk Report

- a. Committee Meeting Report - A summary of committee meeting actions was provided in the council packets.
- b. Computer Purchase & Installation – the new server and 3 desktop computers were installed on 1/26/17. We are working out a few bugs yet. The final computer will be ordered and installed for the clerk within the next couple of months.
- c. New Copier – the new copier was installed on 1/30/17 and the old one was shipped back.
- d. Retirement Plan – The retirement plan changes are taking place – we selected a different agent, but stayed with Ameritas. Changes to the investment funds are being made and staff is getting signed up for the new plan that allows the additional city match.
- e. Library Transfer – The 2 loans with USDA have been paid off and the Library has been deeded over to the City. We closed on the refinancing loan with American National Bank as well.
- f. Community Building Improvement Project – Staff reported that bid packets have gone out on the project. Should have bids in by Feb. 24th so that Council can approve a contractor at the March meeting. Work to begin immediately after the Home & Garden Show and contractor will have up to 4 months to complete.

Street Department Report

- a. Resolution to adopt long range one-year and six-year street improvement program for the City of Tecumseh – Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen, Philippi. Motion Carried.

Parks Department Report

- a. Restitution for Restroom Doors – Clerk Beethe reported that \$716.68 had been received as partial restitution for damage to the park restroom doors. Additional funds are expected.
- b. Tabled – Bids for Playground Basketball Backboards – Travis Goracke indicated he had been doing some additional research. He suggest replacing the 2 backboards nearest the restrooms with the glass backboards and just refurbish the other 2. Would like to get estimates on sandblasting and powder coating the current backboards as well. It was also noted that the current poles holding the backboards may not be sturdy enough for glass backboards. Would like to assess this as well. Item tabled until next meeting.

Economic Development Report – No report received.

Utility Department Report – Board Chair Dan Blessing gave the report. He reported they had a leaking pressure valve of town, had 2 water main breaks in town, and had trouble with ice building up on the communication antennas at the wells and water towers during the ice storm. Beethe added that OPPD will be paying 4 cents/unit more for the Power Plant lease. Had some discussion about placing rock/gravel on 12th/13th street behind Topp's. Staff split a load of power poles w/Syracuse – received 16 poles. Also replacing a water meter at MBA at their cost.

Pool Committee Report – Clerk Beethe and Councilman Goracke provided an update of committee activities. The main thing is trying to finalize the proposed design and cost estimates to present to the council and for public comment. Also want to design a marketing brochure that outlines recognition levels for donors. The committee meets Wednesday, February 8th.

Budget & Financing Options for New Pool – Clerk Beethe presented estimated project costs and outlined some possible funding options to consider – including a ½ cent sales tax increase to 2%, Keno revenue, Grant funding, fundraisers, property tax levies, and bonding options. Pools can only be bonded for up to 20 years, so annual debt payments will be quite significant. She also outlined other budget considerations to keep in mind – including a higher Library loan payment, a new street paving bond (1st & Calhoun project just completed), Downtown Square Improvement Project, and possible additional operating costs for the Library and New Pool. This was just a preliminary discussion to outline funding mechanisms.

Resolution #2017-2 of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, approving a subdivision of a tract in NE ¼ of Section 29, Township 5 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Johnson County, Nebraska – Mr. Dalluge presented the request. Motion by Reed, second by Grof. Voting Ayes: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen, Philippi.

Library Siding Specifications (including color) – The Council previously approved the bids for new siding and windows at the Library, but did not select a siding color. Reviewed color swatches. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to defer the color selection of the siding to the Library Board. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen, Philippi. Motion Carried.

Ordinance #17-1078 of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation various purpose bonds, series 2017, of the City of Tecumseh, in the principal amount of not to exceed five hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$555,000) to pay the costs of certain street improvements within street improvement district No. 2016-1 of the City, prescribing the form of said bonds providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same; and ordering the ordinance published in pamphlet form. Motion by Grof, second by Carter to introduce the ordinance and waive the three reading rule. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen, Philippi. Motion Carried. Motion by Reed, second by Grof for final passage of Ordinance #17-1078 as read. Voting Aye: Carter, Goracke, Grof, Reed. Voting Nay: None. Not Present: Jansen, Philippi. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Grof, second by Carter to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds
3. Approve payment of \$55.00 to Pepperhill Veterinary Services for annual contract for pound services for the City of Tecumseh

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Lisa Beethe, City Clerk

William J. Montz, Sr., Mayor