

Minutes
City Council
April 2, 2018

The City Council of the City of Tecumseh, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Utility Shop on the 2nd day of April, 2018, 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, Jesse Grof, Kim Jansen, Tim Kluck, Jim Reed, and Lorie Topp. Absent: None. Others present: 1 Staff, BPW Chair, City Attorney, Sheriff and Deputy, and 1 member of the media.

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 Comment – None.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing and comments on the application regarding request from Verizon Wireless to construct a cell tower on a portion of the SW ¼ W1/4 of Section 22, Township 5, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Johnson County, Nebraska with a variance from the Permitted Conditional Uses of the C-3 Highway Commercial District.

Opened hearing at 7:01 p.m. City Attorney Bruce Dalluge explained the proposed project. He indicated that they have received FAA and State approval of the plans. There will be no lights on the tower, and it will be a fenced area. No public comment was received during the hearing. Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Regular Agenda

Request from Verizon Wireless to construct a cell tower on a portion of the SW 1/4 W ¼ of Section 22, Township 5, Range 11, East of the 6th P.M., Johnson County, Nebraska with a variance from the permitted conditional uses of the C-3 Highway Commercial District. Jeffrey Skinner from Verizon spoke briefly about the project. He explained that existing service in Tecumseh runs off a tower over 2 ½ miles out of town and that we have capacity issues. The new tower would provide better service for Tecumseh and leave additional capacity for growth. The tower will be fenced for security. No building will be present, and no light is needed on the tower. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve the construction of the tower as presented. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

City Clerk Report

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

Ms. Beethe also reported that the City received a 2nd grant for the swimming pool project. We received a \$375,000 grant from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCFF) towards pool construction.

Street Department Report – No report.

Economic Development Report – No report.

Utility Department Report – Board of Public Works Chair Dan Blessing gave the report. Indicated that the Well #6 replacement hole was drilled. The electrical bus ring project will begin soon – he explained where this project will be done. Board approved a bid of about \$43,000 for new fuel tanks at the power plant.

Parks Department Report – Staff used the jet truck to vac out the sludge from the bottom of the pool. Additional chemical cleaning of the pool will occur in the near future.

Electrical Ring Bus Project Bid - \$1,216,414.66 with Black & McDonald. Ms. Beethe reviewed the 2 bids received and the recommendation letter from Olsson Associates. Project would begin very soon, with estimated completion by the end of December 2018. Motion by Reed, second by Kluck to approve the bid from Black & McDonald at \$1,216,414.66. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Lot Split for a tract of land in E ½ of SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 5 North, Range 11, Johnson County, Nebraska. City Attorney Bruce Dalluge reviewed the request. Motion by Grof, second by Reed to approve the request as received. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Request for permission to block off east side of square on June 2, 2018 for Veteran's bike tour – Mayor Montz made the proposal. A couple of tour buses plus groups of riders will be coming to Tecumseh on a couple of Saturday's in June. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to block off the east side of square on selected Saturday's in June for the Veteran's Bike Tour as needed. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Recommendation to hire new Deputy City Clerk Tami Badertscher at starting salary of \$17.50/hr. and to increase wage of Utility Secretary Dina Harris to \$17.50/hr. – Mayor Montz indicated that the BPW approved hiring Tami at \$17.50/hr., but reduced the increase for Dina to \$16.23 (only ½ the increase originally proposed, with the rest to be given at regular evaluation time in the fall). Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to approve these recommendations from the BPW. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Wage review for Kaleb Kuhlmann after completion of Journeyman Lineworker Program – BPW recommends a \$0.75/hr. increase to \$25.78. Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to approve the increase recommended by the BPW. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Wage review for Casey Bohling after achieving certification to Grade 2 Wastewater and Grade 3 Water – BPW recommends a \$0.75/hr. increase to \$22.75. Motion by Grof, second by Goracke to approve the increase recommended by the BPW. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

2018 Swimming Pool Staff – Staff presented the list of recommended swimming pool staff. We are utilizing our more experienced lifeguards for manager, assistant manager, and head lifeguard this year. All training will have to be conducted elsewhere this year since our long-time instructor is no longer providing this training. Motion by Goracke, second by Jansen to approve the recommended list for swimming pool staff. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Walking/Biking Trail in Tecumseh – Council member Tim Kluck provided some information on an 80/20 trail grant program through Nebraska Game & Parks – thinks you can apply for up to \$500,000. Applications are usually due in the early fall. Reviewed maps of the City to look at possible trail locations. Discussion about having the trail go to the school, Shawnee Ridge area, park, pool, library, by football practice field (up Lincoln Street). Concerns include lighting, land access, and ADA accessibility issues. Will continue with research and provide updates to the Council as additional information is obtained.

Johnson County Sheriff Report – received monthly report.

a. School Violence Training Program – Discussed proposal for a 5-day training course to become a certified instructor to teach other personnel about how to handle active shooter incidents. Phase I costs for training and equipment are about \$12,500, Phase II costs are another \$9,604. The deputy indicated he will be meeting with the County Commissioners and school boards very soon to discuss funding possibilities. The City Council would like to see the response of these other entities before considering any action.

Request for new bench near the Library (along north side of Broadway) – Council directed staff to bring more specific cost estimates to the next meeting for consideration.

City-wide Spring Clean-up on April 28, 2018 – Staff contacted the City trash haulers to see what date works best for them, and they indicated the 28th would work best. Motion by Reed, second by Grof to approve April 28, 2018 as the City-wide Spring Clean-up day. Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting
2. Pay bills for City Funds

Voting Aye: Goracke, Grof, Jansen, Kluck, Reed, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.