

Minutes
City Council
April 6, 2026

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 6th day of April, 2026, 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.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for CDBG #23-PP-007 Downtown Revitalization Planning Project: The City of Tecumseh was awarded a total of \$53,000 in CDBG funds which was used to implement a citizen participation process to identify, evaluate, and prioritize downtown revitalization projects, that resulted in a Downtown Revitalization Master Plan for the City. This activity addressed the National CDBG objective of eliminating substandard and blighted conditions. CDBG funded activities included: \$50,000 for Public Planning, and \$3,000 for General Administration. The CDBG funds were matched with \$10,000 from the City, for a project total of \$63,000. These activities meet the national objective of prevention or elimination of slum or blight conditions on an area basis. No displacement of residences, farms, or businesses occurred as a result of these CDBG-assisted activities. The plan is now complete and was accepted by the City Council on October 6, 2025.

Hearing opened at 5:00 p.m. No Public comment was received. Hearing Closed at 5:01 p.m.

Routine Business

The following Council Members were present: Lance Beethe, Brian Britt, Tyler Speckmann, Travis Goracke and Lorie Topp. Absent: Alicia Brommer. Others present: Mayor, 3 Staff, City Attorney. 1 Media, 1 Public

Meeting called to order at 5:01 P.M.

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda – None

Regular Agenda

Sheriff's Report- provided by Michelle Hutt.

City Clerk Report- City Wide Clean-up set for Saturday May 2nd. Equalization Funds for FY2526 will decrease from current year of \$228,323.87 to 52,294.84.

Streets Report- Downtown Preservation Project underway (April 1), still working through a lot of the details. 2nd and Broadway will be the starting point.

Economic Development Report- Doug Goracke - Still working on housing options. Moving slowly ahead with DTR Grant program, next in Community meeting. Looking at maybe more demo activity.

Utility Department Report- Doug Goracke- Water options for Nio Corp continue. Finished building pad for Generator Building at Power Plant. Hauled last of rock behind square. Planning to bury section of Overhead Distribution behind shop.

Parks Report- Still conducting interviews for summer staff for pool. Miller Painting is back trying to finish painting the pool.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve minutes of the march 17, 2026 meeting.

2. Pay bills for city funds: A Street Auto Parts - Tecumseh - 388.49, 92.24, AKRS Equipment - 79.13, 11.08, 17.07, Black Hills Energy - 121.24, Brinkman Bros., Inc - 1258.39, Charter Communications - 130.00, City Of Tecumseh - 789.56, City Of Tecumseh - 35.13, City Of Tecumseh - 1569.84, Fiber Platform LLC - 265.00, Frontier Cooperative - 359.94, Gottula Propane - 839.70, Hometown Leasing - 83.61, Jo Co Agricultural Association - 1.00, Johnson County Hospital - 456.85, Johnson County Sheriffs Office - 15000.00, Kerner Ace Hardware - 7.96, Midwest Service & Sales Co. - 750.00, NDOT - 2904.00, Nemaha Valley Observer - 155.83, Payroll – 16708.34, Ray J Sanitation - 210.00, Ray J Sanitation - 35.00, Tecumseh Airport Authority - 3750.00, US Cellular - 74.78, Windstream - 72.62, Total – 46166.80.

Voting Aye: Beethe, Britt, Goracke, Speckmann, Topp. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Kerri Miller, Deputy City Clerk

Jesse Grof, Mayor