

**MINUTES
TECUMSEH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 3, 2023
6:00 P.M.
114 N BROADWAY
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MEETING PROCEDURE:

Comments from the Public are welcome during the course of the meeting: Comments not scheduled on the Agenda will be heard under Public Comments; and Comments on all scheduled Agenda Items will be heard immediately following the presentation by Staff or Petitioner. Please wait until you are recognized by the Mayor and keep comments as brief as possible. The Council will act on an Agenda Item after comments from the Staff and Public have been heard.

1. Invocation was given by Collier.
2. Flag Salute lead by Walter Rose.
3. Meeting called to order at 6 pm by Vice Mayor Sharon Stewart.
4. Roll Call: Farris, Stewart, and Collier were all present. Parker and Bradley were absent.
5. Review of the City Manager’s Report
6. **Consent Agenda**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are deemed non-controversial and routine in nature by the governing body. They will be approved by one motion of the governing body. The items on the Consent Agenda will not be discussed. Any member of the governing body desiring to discuss an item on the Consent Agenda may request that it be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed in its proper order on the Regular Agenda. It will then be considered at that time.

- A. Receive and approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 5, 2023.
- B. Review of the purchase orders.
- C. Review of the Financial Statements.

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Collier to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Absent
Collier	Aye	Parker	Absent		

Motion passes.

7. Consider Items Removed from the Consent Agenda for Discussion.

No items removed.

8. Consider and Act on items removed from the Consent Agenda, if any.

No items removed.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The purpose of the Public Comments Section of the Agenda is for members of the public to speak to the City Council on any Subject **not scheduled** on the Regular Agenda. The City Council shall make no decision or take any action, except to direct the City Manager to take action, or to schedule the matter for Council discussion at a later date. **THOSE ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY NAME AND LIMIT COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS TO 3 MINUTES.**

Beth Lyle (Library) advised that the Pioneer Library Board is funding a new projector and sound system for the auditorium. Also advised that the Summer Learning Challenge is going well; Tecumseh has reached their point goal.

10. Discussion and possible action on the condition of Oak Ridge Road.

Collier-asked for clarification on the road being discussed

Stewart-recommend table for later

City Attorney advised that unless the road is dedicated, the City cannot legally spend money on these roads. Advised not to accept dedication of roads unless the roads are brought to code.

No action taken.

11. Discussion and possible action on Budget Amendment #2.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Farris to approve Budget Amendment #2.

Roll Call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Absent
Collier	Aye	Parker	Absent		

Motion passes.

12. Discussion and possible action on the kitchen expansion at Crossroads Youth & Family Services at the Tecumseh Head Start building. All work done by Crossroads.

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Collier to approve the kitchen expansion, with all work done by Crossroads. Roll Call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Absent
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Collier Aye Parker Absent

Motion passes.

13. Discussion the Tecumseh Police Department quarterly report.

Chief JR Kidney went over the department's report.

14. Discussion and possible action on closing the east half of Jefferson Street between Broadway and 5th Street on July 22, 2023, from 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. for Vacation Bible School for Broadway United Methodist Church.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Farris to approve the street closing. Roll Call:

Farris Aye Stewart Aye Bradley Absent
Collier Aye Parker Absent

Motion passes.

15. Discussion and possible action on the lease agreement with Project H.E.A.R.T. Inc.

Collier asked if we had a list of the equipment referenced in the lease, and if we were in fact receiving the \$200 a month from Project H.E.A.R.T. as mentioned. Collier also asked if the cost of providing the utilities to that building monthly could be determined.

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Collier to approve the lease agreement with Project H.E.A.R.T. Inc. Roll Call:

Farris Aye Stewart Aye Bradley Absent
Collier Aye Parker Absent

Motion passes.

16. Discussion and possible action on pay request #6 in the amount of \$257,698.94 to Krapff Reynolds Construction for the sewer line project.

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Collier to approve the payment to Krapff Reynolds Construction in the amount of \$257,698.94. Roll Call:

Farris Aye Stewart Aye Bradley Absent
Collier Aye Parker Absent

Motion passes.

17. Discussion and possible action on Comments and inquiries from Council Members.

Collier

- questioned when the guardrail by his house might be fixed.
- asked if there is a reason we cannot grind the road by the bank where there's a dip.
- trees across from City Hall, business would like the tree trimmed lower so that the sign can be seen. Can the tree be taken out? City Manager advised that the agreement with the Federal Government says that the trees placed during that project must be maintained and replaced if they die.
- on the south side of the senior center, the tree limbs have grown over the parking lot and need to be trimmed back
- need to start thinking about replacements for current Council members due to age. Asked if it would be out of line to do some recruiting themselves (councilmembers) and if they could bring in interested parties to stand and observe meetings

Stewart

- brought up the amazing number of kids that she sees at the splash pad every time she's here. Said that the splash pad has been very positive for the town

Farris

- mentioned that people really want a bell before the bucket drops like they have at other water parks

18. New Business: Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.

No New Business

19. Adjournment

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Collier to adjourn. Roll Call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Absent
Collier	Aye	Parker	Absent		

Motion passes, meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Passed and approved on the 7th day of August, 2023.

Sarah Carter, Deputy City Clerk

Sharon Stewart, Vice Mayor