

**MINUTES
TECUMSEH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2023
6:00 P.M.
114 N. BROADWAY STREET
TECUMSEH, OKLAHOMA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MEETING PROCEDURE:

Comments from the Public are welcome during 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 Mayor Parker.
2. Flag Salute was led by Walt Rose.
3. Called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
4. Roll call: Farris, Bradley, Collier, and Parker were present. Stewart was absent.
5. Review of the City Manager's report.

City Manager Stokes gave his report on 3rd Street overlay, sewer line project, electric department cutting limbs out of the electric lines, county blade laid 13th and 6th Streets, Friday night water leak, and the emergency power line at the water treatment plant was finished.

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 July 3, 2023.
- B. Review and approval of the purchase orders.
- C. Review of the Financial Statements.

A motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Farris to approve the consent agenda as written. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider Items Removed from the Consent Agenda for Discussion.
8. Consider and Act on items removed from the Consent Agenda, if any.
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 discuss the matter. At the request of any Council Member, the matter may be scheduled for Council discussion and/or action at a later date. **THOSE ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY NAME AND LIMIT COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS TO 3 MINUTES.**

None.

10. **Discussion and possible action to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. 307 B (1) for the purpose of discussing the employment contract of Jimmy Stokes, including the compensation provided therein.**

At 6:07 p.m. the council made a motion to adjourn into executive session by Collier and seconded by Farris, and returned to open session at 6:36 p.m.

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

11. **Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session, including the renewal and/or modification of the City Manager Contract for 2019.**

Roll call was taken again when council returned from executive session. A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Bradley to change the City Manager's salary to \$102,000 per year. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

12. Discussion and possible action on waiving the garage sale permit fees for Frontier days Event starting September 22nd, 23rd, and the 24th. (Frontier Days parade is September 30th, 2023.)

A motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Collier to waive the cost of the garage sale permit for September 22, 23 and 24th. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

13. Discussion and possible action on the School Resource Officer contract with the Independent School District No.92 of Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. (Tecumseh School System)

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Collier to approve the contract with Independent School District No. 92. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

14. Discussion and possible action on a one-time stipend of 5% for all current salaried employees, current contract employees and then up to 5% per hour for current hourly employees to help with the increased cost of living.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Bradley to approve the 5% stipend for current salaried and contract employees, also up to 5% per current hourly employee. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

15. Discussion and possible action on pay request #7 in the amount of \$229,480.75 to Krapff Reynolds Construction for the sewer line replacement project.

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Collier to approve pay request #7 in the amount of \$229,480.75 to Krapff Reynolds for the sewer line project. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

16. Discussion and possible action on paying \$189,921.05 to Schiralli Construction for overlaying of 3rd Street project.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Bradley to approve the payment of \$189,921.05 to Schiralli Construction for the overlaying of 3rd Street. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

17. Discussion and possible action on the Disaster Assistance Agreement for Emergency and Major Disasters between the State of Oklahoma and the City of Tecumseh.

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Bradley to approve the Disaster Assistance for Emergency and Major Disasters. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

18. Discussion on the contract of Tecumseh Youth Sports Association and Illusion Softball 2K14-Casey Kellogg wanting to have the contract instead of Tecumseh Youth Sports Association.

A lengthy discussion was held on this subject with Jamie Crothers, Ed Carey and Mandy Shelby were present to answer any questions the council had. Casey Kellogg was present also. The council asked for them to work out the friction and maybe work together. TYSA Contract is not up until December 31, 2023.

19. Discussion on the intersection of Gordon Cooper and Holly Lane.

A discussion was held, talking about different options that could possibly be done, lowering speed limits might be a solution.

20. Discussion and possible action on allowing the library to install outdoor musical instruments along the walking trail in Slick Humphrey Park through an Institute of Museum and Libraries/Oklahoma Department of Libraries Health Literacy grant. (No cost to the city)

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Farris to NOT allow the library to install outdoor instruments in the Slick Humphrey Park. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

21. Discussion and possible action on budget amendment #3 for general fund.

A motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Farris to approve budget amendment #3 to general fund. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

22. Discussion and possible action on advertising for bids to trim trees around the Tecumseh electric power lines.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Farris to advertise for bids for tree trimming out of the power lines. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

- 23. PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE STRUCTURE(S) AT 206 W TENNYSON, TECUMSEH, OK IS DILAPIDATED, CONSTITUTES A HAZARD TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, CONSTITUTES A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND SHOULD BE ABATED, TORN DOWN AND REMOVED.**

At 7:20 p.m. the hearing was opened to the public. James Smith, Code Enforcement Officer spoke about how bad the property is and has been. Several of the surrounding citizens showed up wanting it cleaned up. Closed at 7:24 p.m.

24. Discussion and action to determine whether the structure(s) at 206 W. Tennyson, Tecumseh, OK is a dilapidated building(s) and is detrimental to health, safety and welfare of the general public, is a public nuisance and should be removed, establishing dates for the removal of such property, authorizing the City Manager to cause the removal of such structure, and authorizing the City Clerk to file a lien as authorized by law.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Bradley to declare the property at 206 W Tennyson is detrimental to health, safety and welfare of the general public and is a public nuisance and should be removed, Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

25. Discussion and possible action on applying for the 2023-2024 REAP Grant to resurface roads in the City of Tecumseh.

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Collier to apply for the 2023-2024 REAP Grant to resurface roads in Tecumseh. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

26. Discussion and possible action on the Certification Chief Elected Official for the REAP Grant.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Bradley to approve the certification chief Officer for the Reap Grant. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

27. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2023-06 authorizing application for Financial Assistance from the Rural Economic Action Plan Fund.

A motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Collier to approve resolution 2023-06 authorizing application for financial assistance from REAP. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

28. Discussion and possible action on the Community Expansion of Nutrition Assistance (CENA) Grant for fiscal year 2023-2024.

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Collier to allow the city to apply for the CENA grant. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

29. Comments and inquiries from Council members.

Collier-just give the list after the meeting to the city manager.

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

None

31. Adjournment.

At 7:28 p.m. a motion was made by Farris and seconded by Bradley to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Bradley	Aye	Collier	Aye
Parker	Aye				

Motion passes unanimously.

Passed and approved on the 5th day of September 2023.

Cathy Condit, City Clerk

Eddy Parker, Mayor