

**MINUTES
TECUMSEH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 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. The invocation was led by John Collier.
2. Flag Salute: Led by Walt Rose
3. Called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
4. Roll call: Farris, Stewart, Bradley (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Collier and Parker were all present.
5. Review of the City Manager's report.

City Manager Jimmy Stokes gave his report on current projects in the city.

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 October 2, 2023.**
- B. **Review and approval of the purchase orders.**
- C. **Review of the Financial Statements.**
- D. **Approve 2024 Board of Adjustment meeting schedule.**
- E. **Approve 2024 Planning Commission meeting schedule.**
- F. **Approve 2024 Tecumseh Growth and Development Authority meeting schedule.**

G. **Approve reappointment of Suzane Gilbert to a three-year term to the Planning Commission Board, 1-1-2024 to 12-31-2026.**

H. **Approve reappointment of George Afentul to a three-year term to the Planning Commission Board, 1-1-2024 to 12-31-2026.**

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

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Absent
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

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 on pay request #9 in the amount of \$118,343.17 to Krapff Reynolds Construction for the sewer line replacement project.

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Collier to approve pay request #9 in the amount of \$118,343.17 to Krapff Reynolds. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Absent
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

11. Discussion and possible action on pay request #10 to Krapff Reynolds Construction for the sewer line replacement project.

No action taken.

12. Discussion and possible action on the Tecumseh Youth Sports Association 2024 contract.

A motion was made by Farris and seconded by Bradley to approve the 2024 contract with Tecumseh Youth Sports Association. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

13. Discussion and possible action on the Tecumseh Soccer Association 2024 contract.

A motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Farris to approve the 2024 contract with the Tecumseh Soccer Association. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

14. Discussion and possible action on closing the #8265 bank account at Sovereign Bank. (This was for the meter loan)

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Stewart to approve closing the bank account at Sovereign Bank ending in #8265. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

15. Discussion and possible action on scheduling a public hearing on December 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for the City of Tecumseh 2024 Fiscal Year Budget. Presenting the Proposed 2024 Fiscal Year Budget for review. Adopting the 2024 Budget will be December 4, 2023.

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Farris to approve a public hearing on December 4, 2023, for the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget at 6:00 p.m. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

16. Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget.

Not a lot of discussion except Collier wanting more money in the abatements than last year.

17. Discussion and possible action on a 2020-2021 Workers' Compensation Plan Year to return Escrow Account Funds in the amount of \$12,239.69 to the City of Tecumseh.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Bradley to approve the refund in the amount of \$12,239.69. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

18. Discussion on the Tecumseh Cemetery Advisory Board wanting to change the ordinance on the number of board members.

The council wants to leave the board as it is for now. They were disappointed that no one from the current board was present to ask questions too.

19. Discussion and possible action to advertise for bids for the repairs of the well field.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Bradley to advertise for bids for the well field. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

20. Discussion and possible action to advertise for bids on moving utilities along highway 9 right of way.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Stewart to advertise for bids for moving the utilities along highway 9. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

- 21. Discussion and possible action to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 B (4), upon the advice of Counsel.**

A motion was made to go into executive session at 6:36 p.m. by Farris and seconded by Stewart. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes. Returned to regular session at 7:10 p.m.

- 22. Discussion and possible action to approve or disapprove a settlement agreement related to the litigation discussed in Executive Session.

No action

- 23. Discussion and possible action to approve a Release of Easement related to Casey's construction.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Stewart to approve the easement release for Casey's construction. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

- 24. Discussion and possible action on permission to apply for a CDBG Grant to purchase a fire truck for the Tecumseh Fire Department.

A motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Collier to apply for a CDBG Grant to purchase a fire truck for the Tecumseh Fire Department. Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

- 25. Comments and inquiries from Council members.

Bradley-good job to employees
Stewart-Casey's good job
Collier-splashpad closed-4 lights out on Park out, 1st light on corner out, hole in driveway by senior citizen center-Christmas decorations.

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

None

- 27. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Farris to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.
Roll call:

Farris	Aye	Stewart	Aye	Bradley	Aye
Collier	Aye	Parker	Aye		

Motion passes.

Passed and approved on the 4th day of December 2023.

Cathy Condit, City Clerk

Eddy Parker, Mayor