

CITY OF TECUMSEH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016
TECUMSEH CITY HALL
7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Baker.

Mayor Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken as follows:

PRESENT: Mayor Baker, Council members Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Philo,
and Wimple.

ABSENT: None.

Guests were welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Baker.

Motion Harmon and seconded Wimple to approve the April 18, 2016 agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Keiser and seconded Fox, to receive and place on file the report of the City Manager.
The following items were added or discussed: 1) 911 Surcharge Proposal May 3rd Election; 2)
Arbor Day Celebration Friday April 29 at Cemetery; 3) City Road Construction Update – Curb
Replacement and Paving; 4) Utilities Department – Flushing Hydrants; 5) Downtown Events; 6)
TCA – Tecumseh’s Got Talent; and 7) Parks & Recreation – Donation of Adaptive Swing at
Aden Mead Park. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To adopt the Consent Agenda,
approving, receiving and placing on file the following: (A) City Council minutes from the study
session held April 4, 2016; (B) City Council minutes from the regular meeting held April 4, 2016
(C) Budget Report; (D) March 2016 Report of the Police Department; and (E) March 2016 Report
of the Fire Department.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported
by Council member Harmon. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Philo, Wimple, and Baker.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the April 18, 2016
list of bills to be paid.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported
by Council member Harmon. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Philo, Wimple, Baker, and Fox.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the closure of South Evans Street from 12:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15th through 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 17, 2016 for Tecumseh's Sidewalk Sales activities and the closure of M-50/Chicago Boulevard between Pearl Street and Maumee Street on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 9:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. for the 13th Annual Pet Parade.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Keiser.

YES: Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Philo, and Wimple.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the amended Building Permit Fee Schedule as recommended by the Building Services Department.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Keiser.

YES: Keiser, Naugle, Philo, Wimple, Baker, Fox, and Harmon.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the amended Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule as recommended by the Building Services Department.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Fox and supported by Council member Harmon.

YES: Naugle, Philo, Wimple, Baker, Fox, Harmon, and Keiser.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the amended Electrical Permit Fee Schedule as recommended by the Building Services Department.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Wimple and supported by Council member Harmon.

YES: Wimple, Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, and Philo.
NO: None.
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the amended Mechanical Permit Fee Schedule as recommended by the Building Services Department.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Fox and supported by Council member Harmon.

YES: Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Philo, and Wimple.
NO: None.
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the amended Plumbing Permit Fee Schedule as recommended by the Building Services Department.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Harmon.

YES: Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Philo, Wimple and Baker.
NO: None.
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Brad Raymond noted that the fee changes will take effect July 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To accept the recommended Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget for the purposes of Section 8.2 Budget Procedures of the Tecumseh City Charter, as submitted by the City Manager; and schedule the Budget public hearing for May 2, 2016 at 7:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Wimple.

YES: Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Philo, Wimple, Baker, and Fox.
NO: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

During public comment Chief Stern addressed Council regarding the Tecumseh Public Library issue. Chief Stern stated that he would not normally respond to criticism, however in this particular case, he felt that it was important for City Council to have the opportunity to understand exactly what occurred. He explained that the involvement of the Police Department was very minimal and they did not initiate or conduct an investigation in any way. The

investigation was conducted by the Economics Crime Unit out of the Lenawee County Prosecutor's Office. The involvement of the Tecumseh Police Department was to serve the arrest warrants issued by the Prosecutor's Office. Chief Stern added that when an arrest warrant comes to a law enforcement agency, that agency has no right to refuse to serve that warrant, regardless of the nature, because they would be in violation of that court order. Chief Stern added that when he was made aware of these warrants, the obligation of the Police Department was to serve those warrants, and that's what the department did – no more, no less.

Chief Stern also addressed what he felt to be some irresponsible reporting; although not on a local level (Stern commended the local media). Stern says the story had been absolutely sensationalized by other media outlets, noting that no one was placed in handcuffs and the couple arrested had every opportunity to comply before the warrants were issued. He said unfortunately the couple did not attempt to comply until they were forced to do so. The Tecumseh Police Department facilitated the arrest and made contact with the individuals over the phone and explained their options to address the issue. Bond money was accepted by the Police Department, but no custodial arrest was ever made.

Council person Naugle agreed that the Adrian and Tecumseh papers did a great job reporting. Council person Wimple added that he felt that City Council should not be the point of contact and if questioned, should refer questions to the City Attorney. Mayor Baker said that he and Council are certainly aware of the criticism that the Police Department has received unfairly, and added that Chief Stern has total support of the elected officials of the City.

Senator Zorn said he was trying to visit all the municipalities in the district to say hello, see what's going on, and hear what challenges he can take back to Lansing. He added that he is working very hard to make sure that the State's revenue sharing increases instead of decreases. Council person Wimple commented that it seems it is very easy for the State to take away from the communities and cities, and it's very difficult to get it back. Wimple added that anything Senator Zorn could do help retrieve what was lost would be greatly appreciated.

During miscellaneous business, Council person Keiser asked Manager Swallow if the City had received any information back from Republic Services. Swallow said that he hopes to see something from them this week.

Motion Naugle and seconded Harmon, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jackson L. Baker, Mayor

Jessica Emrick, City Clerk