

CITY OF TECUMSEH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2014  
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, Naugle, Philo, VanAlstine,  
and Wimple.

ABSENT: None.

Motion VanAlstine and seconded Naugle, to approve the December 15, 2014 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests were welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Baker.

Mayor Baker presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to retiring city employee Rebecca Peach, members of the Tecumseh Kiwanis and Tecumseh Rotary for their contributions to the city. Brady Burns, President of the Rotary, stated that thru fundraisers such as Christmas tree sales and golf outings they served over 48,000 meals through their "*God's Bread Basket*" Program.

During public comment the following spoke in support of backyard chickens and requested tabling the proposed amendments to the prohibited animals ordinance: Stacy Anderson of 205 Shawnee Street, Chris Wanke of 715 Pierce Court, Jeanne Bauman of 301 E. Chicago Blvd., Tom Hawkins of 400 Seneca Street, Jessica Whitehouse of 128 Brown Street, Hannah Russo of 211 N. Maiden Lane, Corey Lord of 212 N. Maiden Lane, Gregg Perez of 120 Herrick Park and Lee Walsh of 606 W. Pottawatamie Street. Ms. Walsh suggested trying a pilot program with restrictions, which would allow council and residents exposure and to gain a real life experience.

Mayor Baker clarified that this evening would be the first reading of the proposed amendments to the prohibited animals ordinance and a decision would not be made.

Motion Naugle and seconded Wimple, to receive and place on file the report of the City Manager. The following items were added or discussed: 1) A study session will be held January 19<sup>th</sup> and possibly one on January 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the road project; and 2) A copy of the Strategic Plan was presented to Council. 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: (1) City Council minutes from the regular meeting held December 1, 2014; (2) Budget Report; (3) November Police Report; and (4) November Report of the Fire Department.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 3-14, to amend Section 2-230 – Pension suspended, to allow a retired Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Treasurer to return to part-time employment, by title only.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member VanAlstine and supported by Council member Philo.

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the December 15, 2014 list of bills to be paid.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Referring to audience comments during public comment, Manager Welch explained that a prohibited animals ordinance is already in place. The proposed ordinance amendment would no longer allow the City Manager to approve a prohibited animal or allow a resident to appeal to council. Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pigs that have been approved will be considered existing and non-conforming.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve for the first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 1-15 amendments to Ordinance Section 10-1 Prohibited Animals.

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

YES: Baker, Fox, Harmon, Naugle, Philo and VanAlstine.

NO: Wimple.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To adopt Ordinance No. 3-14, to amend Section 2-230 – Pension suspended, to allow a retired Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Treasurer to return to part-time employment, by title only.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To reappoint Phil Krieger to the Election Commission for a one year term, expiring January 2016.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To reappoint Michele Garner to the Election Commission for a one year term, expiring January 2016.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To schedule the City Manager's performance review for January 5, 2015 in a closed session.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the renewal of the lease agreement between Community Arts of Tecumseh and the City of Tecumseh for the use of the house at John W. Smith Park, beginning on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015. The terms, conditions and lease rate will remain the same as were in place in 2014. Further, the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the lease agreement.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Council members agreed with member Naugle's comment of the great Christmas parade. Council member VanAlstine commented that he has received positive comments with the appearance of our downtown this holiday season.

Motion VanAlstine and seconded Naugle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jackson L. Baker, Mayor

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Mary Feight, City Clerk