

CITY OF TECUMSEH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
ROAD & INFRASTRUCTURE BOND PROPOSAL  
OCTOBER 13, 2014  
TECUMSEH CITY HALL  
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken as follows:

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Council members Baker, Naugle, Philo, VanAlstine,  
and Wimple.

ABSENT: Council member Wright.

Guests were welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Johnson.

Motion Naugle and seconded VanAlstine, to approve the October 13, 2014 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The following is a brief overview of the presentation by City Manager Welch regarding the bond proposal.

Voters of the November 4, 2014 election will be asked to allow the sale of \$2,250,000 in bonds for road repairs which would be paid back in a five year period. If approved the funds would be used for road reconstruction or related repairs. After considering a series of options, Council agreed that the voters should be allowed to make the decision and to limit the amount a taxpayer would pay. The sale of bonds will result in a 2 mill property tax increase for all taxpayers in the city. A home with a taxable value of \$54,000 would be paying approximately \$108.00 annually for the 5 year period.

The city consists of 45 miles of streets, which includes 17 major streets and 28 local streets. Every two years the State Department and the city's DPW department rate all the roads based on condition of the road. Ratings range from 1-10, with a 1 being the worst conditioned roads. As an example, Burt Street is rated a "3" and has a lot of traffic. Currently street repairs are funded approximately 60% through Public Act 51 and the General Fund is used to pay the balance. The city also applies for grants provided for major street improvement. The city is responsible for 20% of cost of an awarded grant. If the bond proposal is approved, it will help cover the city's portion and also allow for more road repairs. Joint seal cracks, which helps roads last longer, is often used in the city to repair the roads. Other procedures include chip seal, thin overlay, mill and fill, and complete removal and replacement.

In answer to a question presented by the audience, Manager Welch noted that the amount of \$2,250,000 was based on a comprehensive study by the Planning Commission. A citizen also commented that winter salt is hard on the roads and suggested just salting the intersections in subdivisions.

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If approved the bonds would be sold in the first quarter of 2015. City Council will then decide which roads will be repaired based on their rating, road condition and city staff recommendation.

Motion VanAlstine and seconded Wimple, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Richard E. Johnson, Mayor

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Mary Feight, City Clerk