

CITY OF TECUMSEH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 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 Naugle and seconded Wimple, to approve the December 1, 2014 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests were welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Baker.

Rehmann Robson representative, Mark Kettner provided a brief presentation of the 2014 Annual Audit Report. Explaining that as auditors their responsibility is to review financial statements and assure that there are no misstatements. Based on the firm's audit of the City they reported a "clean opinion". Mr. Kettner announced that the City received the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year noting that it is quite remarkable and recognized the City Manager and Treasurer for their significant role in this achievement. Mr. Kettner also reported that the city's fund balance shows a \$40,000 to the positive. This year, the adoption of GASB 67 resulted in an additional disclosure which shows the net pension liability of the City.

Treasurer Leisa Still reviewed the annual report she presented to City Council, stating that a major accomplishment for her department was the upgrading of technology in several areas. Such as the accounting software BS&A Financial Suite and Accessmygov a tax and assessing program on the city website. These upgrades are user friendly and offer more information quickly for employees and residents. Council thanked Leisa for her report and Manager Welch also complimented Leisa on her excellent job performance.

During public comment, Larry Harrison, 123 S. Ottawa Street-Suite 8, referred to agenda item 9-4 First floor retail, remarking that our downtown is very versatile and our current ordinance is working and didn't see a need for changes.

Also during public comment the following spoke in support of backyard chickens: Lee Walsh of 606 W. Pottawatamie St., Tom Hawkins of 400 Seneca St., Stacy Anderson of 205 E. Shawnee St., Robert Welden of 1003 River Acres, Denise Tirb of 309 S. Evans St., Jessica Whitehouse of 128 Brown St., and Heidi Barnes of 203 E. Shawnee Street. Comments included: In support of an ordinance with clear rules, prefer ordinance and not a policy, chickens beneficial to gardens, teaches children responsibility.

Motion VanAlstine and seconded Philo, to receive and place on file the report of the City Manager. The following items were added or discussed: 1) DPW Superintendent Tim Bock attending the Pipeline Project meeting; 2) 100 tons of the 1500 tons of salt purchased has been

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used, which is a large quantity for this early in the season; and 3) Pure Michigan report indicates that viewing of the Tecumseh website has increased. 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 November 17, 2014; (2) FY 2015-16 Budget Calendar; (3) Employees Retirement System Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2014; (4) Employees Retirement System Actuarial Information for GASB Statement 67; and (5) 27<sup>th</sup> Lenawee County Community Celebration- Living King's Legacy communication.

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

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 1, 2014 list of bills to be paid.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Mayor Baker noted for the record that several residents have spoken to him to not support backyard chickens.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To modify the ordinance to allow backyard chickens and include conditions permitting process within the ordinance. Furthermore, to authorize the City Manager to prepare changes to ordinance Sec. 10.1 – Prohibited animals to include conditions and permitting processes.

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

YES: Wimple and Fox.

NO: Harmon, Naugle, Philo, VanAlstine and Baker.

MOTION DEFEATED.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To authorize the City Manager to prepare changes to ordinance Sec. 10.1 that will prohibit all prohibited animals in this section.

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

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

NO: Wimple.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To adopt the 2015 Annual Permits and Performance resolution for governmental agencies.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Wimple 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 direct staff to prepare a report to City Council outlining the various options to be considered that will limit non-retail uses on the first floor of the downtown. Further, City Council will then narrow down and submit those details to the Planning Commission for their consideration and recommendation to City Council.

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

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To tentatively agree to provide water and sewer services outside the city limits of Tecumseh to a new Promedica medical facility, subject to conditions set forth by the City Manager in the November 24, 2014 communication and with final approval by City Council.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To accept and place on file, the 2014 Annual Report of the Tecumseh Retirement System.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Councilmember Philo reminded Council that Friday is the Christmas Parade. Mayor Baker thanked staff for providing informative materials for review on several agenda items.

Motion VanAlstine and seconded Naugle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jackson L. Baker, Mayor

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Mary Feight, City Clerk