

CITY OF TECUMSEH
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2015
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 January 5, 2015 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests were welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Baker.

Mayor Baker presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to the Boy Scouts of Tecumseh for their contributions to the City raising and lowering the flags for holidays and special events in downtown Tecumseh and for Eagle Scout projects that have benefited Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh City Hall and Parks and Recreation.

During public comment the following spoke in favor of backyard chickens: Rebecca McMillin, 213 N Maiden Ln., Corrine Bonafina, 209 S. Maumee, Joanne Sonstein, 102 E. Pottawatamie, Jeanne Bauman, 301 E. Chicago Blvd., Lee Walsh, 606 W. Pottawatamie, Jessica Whitehouse, 128 Brown and Thomas Hawkins, 400 Seneca. The following spoke against backyard chickens: Larry Adams, 504 Tilton, Steve Pixley, 223 W. Patterson and Barb Lucas, 494 Tilton Drive.

Motion VanAlstine and seconded Naugle, to receive and place on file the report of the City Manager. The following item was added or discussed (1) Study session on January 19, 2015 in City Council Chambers at 6:45 p.m. regarding limiting some non-retail uses in the downtown area. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To adopt the Consent Agenda, approving and placing on file the following: (1) City Council minutes from the regular meeting held December 15, 2014.

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

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

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To draw up an ordinance regarding backyard chickens which would allow a sunset provision for review in two years.

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

YES: Wimple, Philo and Fox.
NO: Baker, Harmon, Naugle and VanAlstine.
MOTION FAILED.

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

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

YES: Baker, Harmon, Naugle, Philo and VanAlstine.
NO: Fox and Wimple.
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the January 5, 2015 list of bills to be paid.

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

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

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To move the Perpetual Care Fund from Merrill Lynch to Old National Bank.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To adopt, by title only, Ordinance Section 10-1 Prohibited Animals.

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

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

NO: Wimple.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the design of a new City Hall sign as presented by the City Manager.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

During public comment, items not on the agenda, City Manager Kevin Welch answered a question from Steve Pixley concerning the progress of the demolition at the former Tecumseh Products site.

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Motion VanAlstine and seconded Naugle, to adjourn to closed session at 8:50 p.m. regarding Public Act 267 of 1976, Section 8 (a) Personnel Evaluation and 8 (d) to consider the purchase of real property. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

NO: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: In light of the very favorable Performance Evaluation of City Manager Welch, to extend his contract to December 31, 2015 with the following revisions: (1) his pay be increased by a factor of 1.25 percent, retroactive to July 1, 2014, this corresponding to raises given to all other City employees and (2) he be eligible for reimbursement under the same provisions offered to all city employees, as modified on January 1, 2015, for foregoing city paid healthcare, and this provision be retroactive January 1, 2015.

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

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Motion Naugle and seconded Harmon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jackson L. Baker, Mayor

Julie Craig, Deputy Clerk