

CITY OF TILDEN
City Council Proceedings
December 10, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Tilden met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7:30pm at the Tilden Council Chambers. Notice of the meeting was given by publication in The Tilden Citizen/Meadow Grove News on December 4, 2024 and by posting at four locations within the city.

(1) Mayor Thomas Nelson opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and the Clerk recorded the proceedings.

(2) Declaration of open meetings act.

(3) ROLL CALL: Mayor Thomas Nelson. Council Members: Allen Smidt, Travis Rutjens, Lisa Meyer, Darrell Wyatt, Allen Miller, Halle Hart.

(4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(5) MAYOR'S OPEN DISCUSSION – Mayor Nelson wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also, thank you to Joe Eckert for doing the repairs to the wagon along Highway 275.

(6) CONSENT AGENDA – Meyer moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Rutjens. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(7) REPORTS BY CITY DEPARTMENTS-Written reports are kept on file in the City office and are available for public viewing.

(8) ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE - With no further business to come before the Council meeting, Meyer made a motion to adjourn *sine die* at 7:32 pm, seconded by Wyatt. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

(1) OATH OF OFFICE - City Attorney Brogan conducted the Oath of Office ceremony where newly elected member, Carla Loop (Council) and re-appointed members Lisa Meyer and Darrell Wyatt were sworn into office.

(2) Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm and the Clerk recorded the proceedings.

(3) Declaration of open meetings act.

(4) ROLL CALL: Allen Smidt, Carla Loop, Lisa Meyer, Darrell Wyatt, Allen Miller, Halle Hart.

(5)(6) MAYOR APPOINTMENT OF OFFICES/SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Motion made by Meyer, seconded by Hart to approve the appointments and the selection of Allen Smidt as Council President. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Loop. No – None. Abstain: Smidt. Approved.

City Employees

Shawna Moore – Clerk

Jean Hughes – Deputy Clerk

Mike Brogan – City Attorney

Robert Petersen – Chief of Police

Mike Krick – Fire/Rescue Chief

Dr. Douglas Dilly – City Physician

TJ Halsey – City Superintendent/Water Commissioner
Cindy Simeon – Library Director
John Zwingman, Advanced Consulting Engineering Service – City Engineer,
Street Superintendent

(7)(8) COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES/SPENDING LIMIT – Motion made by Miller, seconded by Hart to approve the subcommittees and allow spending up to \$5,000 per incident without prior approval. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Hart, Loop, Miller, Meyer, Wyatt. No – None. Approved.

Council Subcommittees

Personnel/Police

Mayor Thomas Nelson
Halle Hart
Allen Smidt

Streets

Allen Smidt
Carla Loop
Darrell Wyatt

Finance

Darrell Wyatt
Halle Hart
Lisa Meyer

Water/Sewer

Darrell Wyatt
Allen Smidt
Lisa Meyer

Facilities

Allen Miller
Allen Smidt
Carla Loop

Parks/Recreation

Allen Miller
Darrell Wyatt
Lisa Meyer

Economic Development/Emergency Services

Carla Loop
Halle Hart
Allen Miller

(9) BLIGHT/SUBSTANDARD HEARING. Motion made by Hart, seconded by Smidt to open the hearing at 7:43 pm. RCV: Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Hart, Meyer, Loop, Smidt. No – None. Approved. Discussion only. Motion to close the hearing at 8:01 pm made by Smidt, seconded by Hart. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Loop, Meyer, Wyatt, Hart. No – Miller. Approved. Motion to approve the designation of area 4 as a blight/substandard area made by Hart, seconded by Meyer. RCV: Yes – Hart, Meyer, Smidt. No – Miller, Wyatt, Loop. Tied broken by Mayor Nelson with a vote of yes. Approved. Motion made to open the general redevelopment hearing at 8:03 pm made by Hart, seconded by Meyer. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Loop, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved. Discussion only. Motion to close the hearing at 8:08 pm made by Hart, seconded by Miller. RCV: Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Hart, Meyer, Loop, Smidt. No – None. Approved. Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Hart to approve the general redevelopment plan. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Loop, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(21) RESOLUTION 2024-12-2 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Tilden, Madison and Antelope Counties, Nebraska, de-designating of a portion of the City as blighted and substandard. Motion to approve the resolution made by Meyer, seconded by Loop. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Loop, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(10) NPPD – Council gave the directive to allow the Tilden Community Alliance to move forward with working with NPPD to develop a business directory.

(11) GRANT ADMINISTRATOR – Motion made by Hart, seconded by Miller to approved the provided request for proposal with a return date of January 14, 2025. RCV: Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Hart, Meyer, Loop, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(12) DTR – Clarification on the budget of the grant received. The total project cost will be \$535,000; the administration budget is \$35,000, the total sidewalk budget is \$165,000 with \$33,000 coming from the City and \$132,000 coming from the community development block grant, the total building improvement budget is \$335,000 with \$67,000 coming from private businesses and \$268,000 coming from the community development block grant.

(13) ACCOUNT SIGNERS – Motion made by Miller, seconded by Wyatt to approve the following actions:

- Remove Travis Rutjens and add Carla Loop as a bank account signer

- Allen Smidt and Carla Loop as signers on the Lagoon Account

- Allen Smidt, Carla Loop, Lisa Meyer, Darrell Wyatt as signers to the safe deposit box.

RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Smidt. No – None. Abstain – Loop. Approved.

(14) TYMC – Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Loop to provide \$55,000 towards Project Freedom from keno funds. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Loop, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(15) SPLASH PAD – Motion made by Meyer, seconded by Miller to provide funding in the amount of \$50,000 from keno funds contingent on the approval of the grant application. RCV: Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Meyer, Loop, Smidt. No – None. Abstain – Hart. Approved.

(16) LIBRARY BOARD – Motion made by Miller, seconded by Meyer to approve the appointment of Joe Eckert to the library board for a period starting January 2025 and ending December 2028. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Loop, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(17) EMPLOYEE BONUSES – Motion made by Wyatt, seconded by Meyer to forego bonuses for 2024. RCV: Yes – Hart, Wyatt, Meyer, Loop, Smidt. No – Miller. Approved.

(18) SIDEWALK – No action taken.

(19) NUISANCE PROPERTIES –

(20) RESOLUTION 2024-12-1 – A resolution of the City of Tilden, Nebraska to authorize the signing of the year-end certification of City street superintendent. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Wyatt to approve the resolution. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Loop, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

With no further business to come before the Council, Miller made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 pm, seconded by Wyatt.

Shawna Moore, Clerk

Thomas Nelson, Mayor