

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 7, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Roy Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Council members present at the meeting were Pete Martin, Mike Hale, Shelly Ausmus, Angie Rambo, Dave Tysz, Mary LaSalle and Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague. Additional attendees were Brandon Schneider, Sarah Gulliksen, Kevin Turnbough, Heidi Turnbough, Troy Wilson and Threasa Raines.

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Mayor Roy Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
 - A. Heidi Turnbough requested forgiveness of late fees for Tekoa Parks and Recreation Utility bills. Parks and Recreation had been without enough board members to form a quorum and pay the bills. Dave Tysz moved to forgive the late fees. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
 - A. **INVESTMENT DISCUSSION:** Harrison Stenberg updated the council on bond markets. The council decided to wait until the next meeting, which is after the Federal Reserve meets next, to make any decisions about purchasing any bonds.

 - B. **TROY WILSON VARIANCE:** Troy Wilson renewed his request for the city to vacate the alley behind his Water St. lots. The council discussed the issue, and Dave Tysz will address a possible issue by Thursday and get back to Troy. The finding will be presented at the next council meeting and ruling made official.

 - C. **REVIEW OLD CITY HALL LEASES:** The council discussed the additions to the old city hall leases. Mary LaSalle moved to accept the new lease terms that provided for late fees and cancellation terms. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

 - D. **FINALIZE .09 GRANT IDEAS:** The council discussed which items to apply for in the 2022 .09 Grant application. Shelly Ausmus moved to include the discussed items for a welcome area to Tekoa, including the rest stop and library/museum items in the grant. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE 871-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT-INTERFUND LOAN: Dave Tysz moved to pass Ordinance 871, establishing an interfund loan from the general fund to the sewer fund until the second installment of CARES ACT funding is received in June or July, 2022. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. ORDINANCE 870-AMENDING METER READ DATES: Shelly Ausmus moved to accept Ordinance 870, changing the meter reading months to April-to-September of each year. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Schulz reported that Inland NW Partners were hosting a webinar that will be held on March 23 at city hall titled, "Civic Pride vs. Civic Apathy." In addition, Jason Lucki has been terminated from the city's third maintenance position.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: The city is pursuing every means we can find to come up with additional grant funds for the upcoming sewer project.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: Shelly Ausmus reported on Chamber of Commerce activities and the support of the burn pile. Mayor Schulz will contact the Fire Chief to see about getting it burned before warm weather. Pete Martin reported there will be a Tekoa Trestle dedication in May. Mike Hale distributed Empire Theatre calendars.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Brandon Schneider and Sarah Gulliksen thanked the council for having the speeding sign put up at the south edge of town. It has made a big difference in the number of people speeding by their home.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. FEBRUARY 22, 2022, MEETING MINUTES: Shelly Ausmus moved to approve the minutes from February 22, 2022. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Shelly Ausmus moved to pay EFT payroll checks and check number 15773– 15805 in the amount of \$ 155,195.80. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The council passed the motion unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Shelly Ausmus moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Schulz closed the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza M. Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer