

City of Tekoa
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday – January 6, 2025, 6 P.M.
Tekoa City Hall

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Schulz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Schulz led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL:**
- MAYOR SCHULZ:** Present.
CM MARGIE JAEGER: Present.
CM PETE MARTIN: Present.
CM MIKE HALE: Absent due to illness.
CM SHELLY AUSMUS: Present.
CM DAVE TYSZ: Present.
CM CHERI CURRIER: Present.
- IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** CM Ausmus would like to add INTERVIEW COMMITTEE to the agenda.
- V. DECEMBER 16, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND DECEMBER 23, 2024, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Ausmus moved to approve December 16, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes. CM Jaeger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. CM Ausmus moved to approve December 23, 2024, Special Council Meeting Minutes. CM Jaeger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
- A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Darlene Pearson spoke to the council about dogs running loose about town that menace her and her dog as they walk. CM Cheri Currier said some of them were her dogs and apologized. There was discussion.
- John Jaeger brought up the town hall meeting coming up January 8, 2025, and confirmed there would be fact sheets so people could ask questions about the sewer systems.
- Dan Thomas asked about snow on the corners from plowing and if it could be addressed.
- B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. ETHICS POLICY:** Atty. Hanson will be here on the 21st for the next meeting with recommendations.
- B. HARASSMENT POLICY:** Atty. Hanson will be here on the 21st for the next meeting with recommendations.

C. **TINY HOMES:** Atty. Hanson will be here on the 21st for the next meeting with recommendations.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR:** There was discussion about dates and meeting only once in July and August. CM Ausmus moved to meet according to the proposed schedule, tentatively meeting the second meeting only in July and August.

B. **AIRLINE PILOTS' ASSOCIATION:** Postponed.

C. **BUDGET COMMITTEE:** There was discussion about budget retreats and directions to take the budget. The council will make time to meet in the summer.

D. **MOVE ACCRUED BOND INTEREST TO LGIP INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:** CM Ausmus moved to invest 20K of bond interest to LGIP. CM Martin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

E. **INTERVIEW COMMITTEE:** CM Ausmus would like to be part of the committee to narrow down questions for the next council appointment interview. CM Jaeger and Currier also volunteered to be on the committee. The council can forward questions to CM Ausmus, and the committee will work on uniform questions to ask of the applicants. There was discussion about moving the meeting to Wednesday due to other set activities in town. CM Ausmus moved to have the second January meeting Jan. 22 at 6 PM. CM Jaeger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

A. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz reported there will be a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 P.M. at the high school re: information about the new sewer plant and rates. Parks and Rec. will give handouts, too, and he will ask about citizen opinions on police presence.

B. **STAFF REPORT:** Clerk/Treasurer Evans-Teague reported the audit is wrapping up, and results should be in by the end of January. She also reported the new deputy clerk has been here two weeks and will introduce herself at the next meeting.

C. **COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Ausmus commented that the recent snow removal has been very efficient. CM Ausmus would like to vote for the mayor pro-tem and financial officer in February. There was consensus. There was discussion about snow removal. CM Tysz asked about the expected replacement motors for the street sweepers. The mayor reported they are in-house, and the city is making sure they will work. CM Tysz asked about Evergreen Rural Water classes and confirmed public works is enrolled. CM Jaeger is sad she won't be able to attend the Town Hall, as it is important. CM Martin reported the interpretive panels should go up in April, when the weather clears. CM Martin thinks the mag chloride works better than sand for snow management and thought the sidewalk plowing went well.

X. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS:** None.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

XII. **CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: CM Ausmus moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Jaeger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer