

City of Tekoa
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday – October 20, 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 DAN THOMAS: Present.
CM MARGIE JAEGER: Present.
CM PETE MARTIN: Present.
CM MIKE HALE: Present.
CM SHELLY AUSMUS: Present.
CM DAVE TYSZ: Present.
CM CHERI CURRIER: Present.
ATTY. HANSON: Present.
- IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** None.
- V. OCTOBER 3, 2025, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES and OCTOBER 6, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Martin moved to accept October 3, 2025, special council meeting minutes. CM Jaeger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. CM Martin moved to approve October 6, 2025, council meeting minutes. CM Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
- A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Steve Haxton spoke about Facebook posting re: chlorine in the water. He called on Dave Tysz to resign because of the post.
- B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. UNION NEGOTIATOR CONTRACT RATIFICATION & PAYMENT REQUEST:** CM Ausmus moved to approve the union negotiator's contract and pay the invoices. CM Martin seconded the motion. There was discussion. The vote was postponed until later in the meeting.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. JUB PROGRESS REPORT, CONTRACT CHANGE & PAYMENT REQUEST:** Tim Ike from JUB updated the council on the walkthrough on the Willard Field Rehabilitation Project. There is one small area of pavement that still needs some attention and a second coat of marking paint that

has to wait for the weather to warm up before it can be applied. Substantial completion has been achieved. Contract close-out will need to be in the spring. There was discussion.

- B. WSDOT CARB (FUEL PUMP) LOAN APPROVAL:** CM Hale reported to the council that the city has been approved for the WSDOT CARB loan they had previously approved the terms of. There was discussion. CM Martin moved to approve the contract. CM Currier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. CM Ausmus asked about current usage of the airport and future plans for producing income. CM Hale updated re: the light project. It was stated that our public works could do the electrical work “in house”.
- C. APPROVE ACKERMAN ESTIMATE FOR LIBRARY FURNACE THROUGH WHITMAN CO. LIBRARY GRANT:** There was discussion. CM Ausmus moved to accept the Ackerman bid for the library furnace grant. CM Martin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. CENTURY WEST WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN:** Clerk Evans-Teague introduced the facilities plan. It was requested that the city hold a special meeting Thursday, at 6 pm to discuss and accept the facilities plan. CM Ausmus moved and CM Tysz seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. TRANSCEIVER RADIO AT THE AIRPORT:** CM Hale explained the only way to turn the lights on at the airport is through a specific frequency used by airplanes. A transceiver radio at the airport would allow the public works employees to be able to turn on and test the lights as needed, as well as communicate with LifeFlight. There was discussion. CM Currier moved to purchase the transceiver radio. CM Jaeger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. There was discussion.
- F. UPDATE ON LABOR & INDUSTRIES FINDINGS:** Clerk Evans-Teague reported on the status of the Labor & Industries processes and the expected process to come. For the first half inspection the city will pay \$2,065.50 (down from \$3,726) in monthly payments over the next year. The second portion of fines, currently equaling \$8,874, are under appeal. The appeal will happen in November and the council will be updated then. Fines involved work done on the old city shop and library roof after a storm. They also involved the need to put in eyewash stations at the sewer plant. (These have been installed.) There was also a separate fine of \$250 from the Department of Agriculture.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

- A. MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz reported that he had attended several conferences lately; Emergency Management Forum, Mayor’s Roundtable and several points he found to be very relevant, in particular, having some emergency reserves. In addition, the mayor went to the IACC Infrastructure Conference. He related some useful experiences from the conference.
- B. STAFF REPORT:** Clerk Evans-Teague was able to attend the AWC annual meeting. The Old City Hall sealed-bid process had a single bid that was well below the floor price. There was discussion.
- C. COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Hale is going to a fraud detection class on Wednesday. CM Ausmus asked about the building inspector process and if derelict buildings can still be burned in town. It was stated that the City issues demolition permits, but not burn permits (for houses). The Fire Department handles that. The Mayor stated that the home burned by the Fire Department last spring did have a demolition permit. CM Martin reported that union negotiations are continuing. CM Martin stated a point of order that he believes that during public comments

individual council members should not be singled out. CM Martin asked CM Tysz about the chlorine levels in the water. CM Tysz declined to comment. CM Currier spoke about the water quality in the summer. There was discussion.

- X. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS:** There were questions and discussions. CM Martin moved to pay EFT payroll and checks # 18062 - 18081 in the amount of \$ 69,175.23 and EFT payroll and checks # 18082 - 18107 in the amount of \$88,062.64. CM Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.
- XII. UNION NEGOTIATOR CONTRACT RATIFICATION & PAYMENT REQUEST CONTINUED:** CM Martin, Jaeger, Tysz, Currier, Thomas and Ausmus voted yes. CM Hale voted no. The motion to approve the contract and invoice payment of the union passed.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** CM Ausmus moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Ausmus seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer