

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Schulz called the meeting to order at 6:03 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: Absent.
CM SHELLY AUSMUS: Absent.
CM DAVE TYSZ: Present.
CM CHERI CURRIER: Present.
ATTY. HANSON: Absent.
- IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** None.
- V. SEPTEMBER 22, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Thomas brought a correction about Spring vs Roosevelt St on the transportation map. CM Martin moved to accept September 22, 2025, council meeting minutes. CM Jaeger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
- A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Brad Chandler commented about the special council meeting on October 3, 2025, re: the specific type of meeting and applicable laws. Steven Thomas spoke about the water and sewer plant operational standards and corrected some statements made at the special council meeting on October 3, 2025. Jequetta Lucki read a letter re: city roads and repairs and maintenance specifically re: Sophie St. She is requesting Sophie St. be addressed.
- B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.
- C. CORRESPONDENCE:** Amie Czarnota has submitted a letter to the city re: her concerns about how a complaint she made was handled by the city.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. UNION CONTRACT VOTE:** CM Martin reported the council gave a counter proposal to the union. The negotiating lawyer fees are now approximately \$5,000.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. JUB PROGRESS REPORT & PAYMENT REQUEST:** Tim Ike reported the Willard Field Rehabilitation Project has been paved and painted. There is still some overall site cleanup pending and the second coat of marking paint; dependent on the weather. There is some dirt to be moved and the lights to be installed. The public works crew has also been working on opening drainage avenues. Tim Ike answered questions. He let the city know there will be a balancing change-order. CM Martin moved to pay invoice 0189058 for \$27,197.45. CM Currier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. CE&C INVOICE APPROVAL:** Clerk Evans-Teague introduced the CE & C invoice for the SWSMP Update. CM Jaeger moved to accept invoice 1009 for \$1,260. CM Currier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. CHARLIE MCCRUM VARIANCE REQUEST:** Charlie McCrum requested a variance to enable the building of a home within 10 feet of his rear (west) property line at 127 S. Truax St. There was discussion. CM Martin moved to approve the variance. CM Currier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. PORT OF WHITMAN SWSMP UPDATE INTERLOCAL AMENDMENT #1:** Clerk Evans-Teague explained the update to the SWSMP Update interlocal agreement so that a test well (and a second test well, if necessary) can be drilled. CM Martin moved to approve the amendment to the SWSMP Update interlocal agreement. CM Tysz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- E. SOQ SELECTION-CRITICAL AREAS UPDATE:** CM Tysz moved to accept Framework SOQ. CM Currier seconded the motion and the motion carried. CM Martin moved to approve Framework proceeding with the Commerce grant application for the Critical Areas Update. CM Tysz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- F. COMMUNITY HEART & SOUL:** Clerk Evans-Teague asked if the city would be willing to allow the Community Heart & Soul project to use the Tekoa Community Center at no cost with the understanding that there would be no cost to the city for cleaning or maintenance. CM Martin moved that the city allow the Community Heart & Soul Project at no cost. CM Jaeger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

- A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz reported on the Emergency Management Forum and the Mayor's Roundtable.
- B. STAFF REPORT:** Clerk Evans-Teague explained the cost of the phone lines for reinstating the noon whistle is ~\$179/mo. Shane Monroy is looking into other alternatives. Evans-Teague also reported that Dave Williams, from Century West, will get the treatment plant reports to the council on Friday and is requesting a special meeting on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week to be able to get the plan to DOE in time for adequate review time (60 days). Also, Victoria Hood is making remarkable progress in dealing with the old records project.
- C. COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Jaeger reported that if anyone has anything to say about the transportation plan, please come and speak to her. CM Martin reported on the structure of the October 3, 2025, special meeting and the misunderstandings therein and why there were three council members there vs. the six that originally planned to attend. CM Currier clarified that the special meeting was to address concerns re: the sewer plant. The mayor asked when the council wants to meet to discuss the report. There was discussion. The council decided to meet Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025,

pending the ability of Matt Morkert to attend. If he cannot attend, then Thursday is OK. Alex Overton gave an update on the Community Heart & Soul project.

- X. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS:** CM Martin moved to approve EFT payroll and checks #18003-18027 in the amount of \$70,476.83 and EFT payroll and checks #18028-18061 in the amount of \$54,117.12. CM Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** CM Jaeger moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Martin seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer