

City of Tekoa
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday – November 17, 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 ALLEGIENCE:** 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 23, 2025, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES and NOVEMBER 3, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Ausmus suggested waiting until next meeting to give the council a chance to look at the October 23, 2025, special council meeting minutes. CM Hale moved to accept November 3, 2025, council meeting minutes. CM Ausmus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
- A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.
- B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.
- C. PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING:** Clerk Evans-Teague explained the changes since the Preliminary Budget Workshop. There were questions and discussion.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. UNION CONTRACT:** CM Martin reported no change at this time and that negotiations are slated for early December. There was discussion.
- B. OLD CITY HALL SALE:** Clerk Evans-Teague asked the council if they would like to readvertise the Old City Hall. There was discussion and Atty. Hanson said it was possible to advertise the floor price. Mayor Schulz brought up the timeframe of the last sale and asked if that might affect whether people bid. CM Ausmus asked about an earnest money scenario. There was discussion. CM Hale

moved to set the minimum bid at \$102,000 and that 25% of the winning bid shall be due within 4 hours; balance due in 30 days. CM Ausmus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. TAX LEVY HEARING: RES. 25-07:** CM Hale moved to accept Res. 25-07 with no increase in property tax. CM Ausmus seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. JUB UPDATE & PAYMENT REQUEST:** Tim Ike explained there is not much change in the project from the last report; the asphalt patch has not happened and it will be deferred to next spring. JUB will monitor it until next spring. Tim introduced the contractor pay request for \$463,978.81. CM Ausmus moved to accept the contractor payment request. CM Tysz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. WHITMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S CONTRACT:** Clerk Evans Teague explained the contract renewal. CM Hale moved to accept the contract. CM Martin seconded the motion. There was discussion. CM Martin noted that the Sheriff's office does not enforce city ordinances. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. ACCEPT FRAMEWORK CRITICAL AREAS CONTRACT:** There was discussion about the difference between Shoreline Management and the Critical Areas Update for the Growth Management Act. Atty. Hanson explained some of the differences. CM Martin moved to accept the contract and CM Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING:** Clerk Evans-Teague explained that there is an Elected Officials Essentials class Dec. 6, 2025, in Airway Heights.
- E. FINANCIAL POLICY FORMATION:** Clerk Evans-Teague let the council know that she is working on resources to write financial policy.
- F. COMMUNITY ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING PAYMENT REQUEST:** Clerk Evans-Teague explained the invoices. CM Ausmus moved to accept the invoices for CE&C (\$2,265.00), including the Budinger & Assoc. invoices (\$89,262.73) for the SWSMP Update. CM Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion about water rights and if there are future septic obligations. (There is no septic obligation.) There was a separate discussion about possibly annexing the industrial park property sometime in the future.
- G. ADAM MATTHEWS RE: NOISE ORDINANCE:** Adam Matthews presented a petition to modify the current city noise ordinance to add a decibel level to the current ordinance. He asked the council to publish something in the newsletter informing the community of this change and for the code enforcement officer to have a specific and measurable way to enforce the noise ordinance. Atty. Hanson spoke about some of the points made to make sure the meters are calibrated so the readings are reliable. There was discussion. CM Hale asked the attorney to put something together for the second meeting in December and put it on the agenda. There was discussion. Mayor Schulz will talk with the code enforcement officer. There was additional discussion.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

- A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz reported the grader is fixed and will be returned before the week is out. The cost to fix the grader was reasonable. He reported there is a meeting with Kim Prisock with DOE to talk through things tomorrow. Steven Thomas forwarded the bid for the

package plant to Century West. The mayor reported on the meeting with Century West re: the WWTP Facilities Plan.

B. STAFF REPORT: Clerk Evans-Teague reported on the cybersecurity grant that came through at the state level and now will go to the federal level.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS: CM Ausmus reported that Small Business Saturday “Merry Grinchmas” is coming up on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025. People can be part of the giving tree with Sam Anderson at the high school. CM Martin is looking for laminated photos of the Train Dreams production, which has a following. He would also like to put up some Christmas photos for Small Business Saturday. There was discussion. CM Jaeger spoke about the potential sale of the Old City Shop. CM Tysz reported on behalf of the budget committee and would like to see a time sheet from the Code enforcement officer. He would also like to see timesheets from the Building Inspector. CM Tysz reported that the Empire Theatre is applying for funding.

X. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS: CM Ausmus asked about putting the monthly budget position and credit card statements in each packet. There was discussion. CM Tysz moved to approve the bills. CM Hale seconded the motion. CM Ausmus abstained. CM Tysz, Martin, Jaeger, Currier, Hale and Thomas voted yes. The motion carried.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: CM Tysz moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hale seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P.M

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer