

City of Tekoa
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday – February 18, 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.
- IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** CM Jaeger asked that correspondence be included on the agenda. There was a discussion. CM Asmus asked that website maintenance be included on the agenda.
- V. FEBRUARY 3, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Hale moved to accept the February 3, 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:** Doug Palmer complimented Steven and Jess for an excellent job on snow removal. Mayor Schultz commented on how well the new plow worked for the cemetery today.
- B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. ETHICS POLICY:** Mayor Schultz said we should be the ones to pull the ethics and other policies together and then have Eric review them. There was discussion about the process. CM Martin moved to approve the council's current ethics policy. There was a discussion about adding an addendum. CM Jaeger seconded the motion. CM Hale noted a couple of mistake corrections that need to be made in the policy. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. HARASSMENT POLICY:** CM Martin needs to gather more info.
- C. TINY HOMES:** CM Ausmus said she would be willing to present a proposal for an ordinance by the first March council meeting. There was a discussion. CM Ausmus asked to make sure the public

is invited to the mid-March meeting to discuss tiny homes. She also clarified to the council that the council has approved one tiny home per lot.

- D. ADD DRUG TESTING TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY:** The Mayor clarified that the attorney thinks we won't be able to enforce drug testing. There was a discussion. CM Hale said he would look into it. There was additional discussion.
- E. COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONS:** There was a discussion about the survey purpose and the survey delivery methods. There was discussion about who should direct the survey. CM Hale suggested that each council member should submit a question on the survey. It was agreed to have council members submit questions and postpone the survey until the next newsletter.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. VC3-CYBERSECURITY:** Brad Chandler and Reid Smith were asked for their opinions about cybersecurity. They suggest that we shut down computers at night, at the very least. CM Tysz moved to approve the current level of cybersecurity support for the 3-year contract and CM Martin seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously
- B. APPROVE JUB FUNDING REQUEST:** CM Hale will be meeting with them in the next month. CM Tysz moved to approve the JUB Funding request and CM Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
- C. FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF TIB SCRUB SEAL PROJECT:** CM Tysz moved to accept the TIB Scrub Seal Project in its entirety. CM Currier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. CORRESPONDENCE:** CM Jaeger asked questions about the correspondence procedure. The mayor responded. CM Jaeger would like to see correspondence with negative overtones edited for tone or postponed for council review. The mayor explained we cannot edit for tone. There was discussion about the council seeing correspondence in advance. CM Jaeger moved that all correspondence be given to the council by the Friday before a meeting for review. CM Ausmus seconded the motion. There was an extended discussion. Yes- CM Ausmus, CM Currier, CM Tysz, CM Martin, CM Jaeger. No-CM Hale, CM Thomas. The motion passed.
- E. WEBSITE MANAGEMENT:** CM Ausmus would like to have city council meeting minutes from 2015 to the present be added to the website. The mayor agreed the office would do that as time allows.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

- A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Major Schultz is working on old appliance pickup for the spring clean-up. CM Tysz recommends calling Garfield to see if someone can haul the metal appliances for free, so we don't get charged. There was discussion. This will be added to the agenda at the next meeting. The mayor reported the UCA volunteers will be back in March and asked for council members to be resources while they are here. CM Tysz and CM Currier volunteered.
- B. STAFF REPORT:** None.
- C. COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Tysz has a water conservancy board meeting regarding the Tekoa industrial park and water rights on Monday. CM Hale reminded the council to

reserve enough water rights for airport expansion and the sewer system. There was discussion. CM Currier read an apology letter regarding her dogs. CM Ausmus reported on the Tekoa Care Center's progress and their efforts in the community. She also reported on the Parks & Rec. District and their plans for remaining open this year. CM Martin reported on the Tekoa Golf Course. He would like to have the building looked at to determine what needs to be done cost-wise. Also, he requested the council go over the water/sewer operator contract. CM Martin stated he doesn't believe that it is a conflict of interest for Dave Tysz to have introduced opening the city hall dumpster to the public. CM Hale reported on the fiscal state of the 2024 budget and that it is healthy. There was discussion about who would be on the budget committee.

- X. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS:** CM Martin moved to approve EFT payroll and checks #17643-17667 in the amount of \$142,590.41 and EFT payroll and checks #17668-17696 in the amount of \$45,686.38. CM Currier seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None
- XII. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Brad Chandler suggested we conduct a true comparative survey of the community to understand what is truly going on in our city. He wants the council to take a holistic overview of the golf course and perhaps review their lease agreement with the city.
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT:** CM Dave Tysz moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Currier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Nicole Hughes – Deputy Clerk/Treasurer