

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 4, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Roy Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Council members present at the meeting were Pete Martin, Mike Hale, Shelly Ausmus, Angie Rambo, Dave Tysz, Mary LaSalle and Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague. Additional attendees were Lydia Fletcher and Eric Hanson, City Attorney.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Mayor Roy Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
 - A. **COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** Mike Bogenreif updated the council on Code Enforcement officer duties. He mentioned that the parking downtown was going well and that a particularly offensive dog had moved out of town with his family.
 - B. **ERIC HANSON, CITY ATTORNEY:** Eric Hanson informed the council that for all municipal fines, every city/town working with the county for court services will have to work with the JIS system. The city already has a general penalty for civil infractions. Eric recommended amending the code to reflect the following: 1st infraction- \$125, 2nd infraction-\$250, 3rd infraction-\$500. Eric will work on an update to our ordinances for fines.
 - C. **MATT MORKERT/VITALIY CHEKULAYEV-CENTURY WEST:** Matt Morkert and Vitaliy Chekulayev presented three parking designs for the Main St. sidewalk project. The council chose the 6-parking spot angled option. They also let the city know that the “Safe Routes to School/Ped-Bike Safety” applications are due by May 30. They will submit that application. Century West can also help us with the PRT application, if a better approach can be found. It may be better to include as much as possible in the “Safe Routes to School” application, as the PRT process is extremely onerous and has very limited funds. Century West is also working on a sewer line design from Care Center/Retirement Apartments for the future. Finally, the Lift Station comment period is open. This project should go out to bid soon.
- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **BURN PILE:** The pile was burned on 3/27/22. Options for future burns and locations were discussed. Mike Hale will check with Duane Groom about property lines around graveled area south of the burn pile.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SNOW REMOVAL FEES-CHAMBER/CITY SPLIT?: Shelly Ausmus will bring figures from past several years to look into next meeting.

B. STREET BUDGET VS. BIDS FOR CHIP SEALING/PAVING: Shelly Ausmus moved that we approve the POE bid for paving. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. NOTUM-PEOPLE WHO CAN CLOSE THE AIRPORT: The council discussed personnel who can close the airport due to inclement weather or emergency. Mark Majors was suggested as a person who can close/open the airport. Eliza Evans-Teague will check into who has authority to close the airport.

D. INVESTMENT RESOLUTION 22-01: Pete Martin moved to accept Resolution 22-01. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Schulz reported that the Eric Hood lawsuit lawyer has changed to Amanda Butler.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Eliza Evans-Teague reported that mosquitos will be sprayed starting this Wednesday, April 6, 2022, as weather conditions permit. In addition, Janis Fisher refunded the mistaken refund from the city, now that she understands the guidelines. Lastly, Eliza Evans-Teague reported that Eric Hanson advised that the city could sell the proposed piece of property to Brandon Schneider after entering it on the surplus list. Eric Hanson also recommended the city establish value through a market analysis or appraisal of the property instead of setting the price based on it being 10 times the previous sale price (for lots that were considered land-locked and unbuildable). The cost of the market analysis or appraisal would be the responsibility of Brandon Schneider.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: The council reported as follows:

Dave Tysz-- Reported the need to get current surplus list advertised. Dave would like to clean up the area around the burn pile.

Pete Martin-- reported that May 14th is the community opening of the trestle. The grand opening is June 4th. The grand opening of the Beverly Bridge is April 8th.

Angie Rambo--Reported that May 20th is the dessert auction and float preview for Slippery Gulch.

Shelly Ausmus--Reported Tekoa Chamber of Commerce details for May 13th are coming.

Mary LaSalle--Asked if the maintenance staff can move a picnic table to the correct park to complete the senior project for her son. Eliza Evans-Teague said her husband, John, can use his equipment to help with that this week, as the table is extremely heavy.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGAN 9:25 P.M., ENDED 9:40 P.M.

Dave Tysz moved to hire for the seasonal/permanent position and an additional seasonal position at the proposed wages of \$25/hour and \$15/hour respectively, if no prospects come in from Rural Resources. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. MARCH 21, 2022, MEETING MINUTES: Shelly Ausmus moved to approve the minutes from March 21, 2022. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Shelly Ausmus moved to adjourn the meeting. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Schulz closed the meeting at 10:52 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer