

# City of Tekoa

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*Monday, September 19, 2022*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Roy Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Council members present at the meeting were Dave Tysz, Shelly Ausmus, Angie Rambo, Mike Hale, B.J. Sperber and Pete Martin. Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague was present, as well as additional attendees: Walt and Kathy Dale, Cathy Haxton, Jennifer Olson, Lydia Spencer, Rachelle Bradley and Aren Murcar.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Schulz led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
  - A. **COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:**
    - i. **Jennifer Olson; Healthy Tekoa Updates:** 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Healthy Tekoa Coalition. Community survey is out and upcoming events are in the newsletter.
    - B. **Mike Bogenreif, Code Enforcement,** is starting to enforce the junk ordinance. He has been enforcing many dog complaints, as well as chicken issues. He clarified that social media complaints do not constitute a complaint as there has to be a clear victim, accuser and be trackable to be legitimate. Mike suggested having an insert for new resident packets re: animals. He will start taking care of yard complaints sooner next year.
- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:** The city received notice that one loan against the wastewater treatment plant has been paid off.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **JUNK VEHICLE NUISANCE ORDINANCE:** Mike Bogenreif will review the current ordinance and make recommendations for changes.
  - C. **CEMETERY ORDINANCE DISCUSSION:** Mary LaSalle is not present due to illness, so discussion and recommendations will be postponed until the next council meeting. Cathy Haxton was asked to comment on what perspective there may be from the standpoint of maintenance.
  - D. **DENISE KEEGAN BUILDING UPDATE:** Mayor Schulz updated the council on the process for pursuing the remediation or condemnation of the building.
  - E. **BURN PILE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Dave Tysz commented on the state of the burn pile. B.J. Sperber suggested we use a grinder, and he will look into it. Shelly Ausmus moved to set commercial and residential rates. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. Shelly

Ausmus and Dave Tysz voted yes. Mike Hale, Pete Martin, Angie Rambo and BJ Sperber voted no. The motion failed.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. BENTHIN & ASSOC.-WALT DALE:** Walt Dale demonstrated to the council what Benthin and Associates have accomplished in their surveying. He explained the nature of placing monuments and how they need to be preserved. Pete Martin moved to have the monuments placed in lieu of further surveying work. Mike Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE-SPC/RACHEL GRANRATH:** Aren Murcar and Rachelle Bradley explained how the Shoreline Management Act applies to Hangman Creek in Tekoa. Questions and comments can be directed to Rachel Granrath.
- C. CENTURY WEST-FACILITIES PLAN -AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES:** B.J. Sperber moved to accept the authorization. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. FIREWORKS:** The council will come back to this subject at the next meeting.
- E. RESOLUTION 22-07: NUISANCE WEED ABATEMENT:** Pete Martin made a motion that we should suspend the enforcement of the yard abatement ordinance. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. Pete Martin and Dave Tysz voted yes. Angie Rambo, B.J. Sperber, Shelly Ausmus and Mike Hale voted no. The motion failed. Angie Rambo moved to pass Resolution 22-07 excepting Pete Martin due to the response he made to his yard abatement letter. Shelly Ausmus seconded the motion. The motion in favor of passing Resolution 22-07 and removing Pete Martin passed unanimously except for Pete Martin, who abstained.

## **VII. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** We have a situation where an unhappy citizen is borderline stalking city hall and city employees. There is also an issue where we are dealing with a broken meter due to citizen action on a meter where water was shut off.

**B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** The garden enforcement comments from an audience member in the August 8, 2022, meeting re: confusing noxious weeds with garden plants in the yard abatement process was a fabrication. The .09 grant is in progress, with the Old City Hall, the public restrooms and car charging station in progress. Library bids for the .09 grant are in progress.

### **B. COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Shelly Ausmus:** The Library and Parks are collaborating on the First Annual Turkey Trot at the Trestle. Joel Dupee is also going to help the Chamber set up a light show at Gymkanna Grounds for the Christmas season.

**Mike Hale:** reported about the hopes for the airport projects. March is the deadline for the final application.

**Pete Martin:** had a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce.

**Angie Rambo:** will work with the school to see if some kids could be found to help maintain around the basketball court. She also thought a meet-and-greet for all the new people in town would be very helpful. The gravel road in the southeast part of town (Skyline) is now impassable. The city needs to do something about it immediately.

**D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 9:47 P.M. Mayor Schulz set executive session until 10:05 P.M. After executive session ended, B.J. Sperber moved to hire Josie Love at 14.49/hr. for substitute rest area cleaning and seasonal/auxiliary work. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Shelly moved to offer \$7,500 to settle the public records request suit. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**D. A. AUGUST 4, 2022 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES & AUGUST 8, 2022, PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES:**

Dave Tysz moved to accept the minutes from August 4, 2022, and both sets of minutes from August 8, 2022. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** Dave Tysz moved to pay EFT payroll checks and check numbers 16088-16141 in the amount of \$84,142.41. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The council passed the motion unanimously.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Dave Tysz moved to adjourn the meeting. Pete Martin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Schulz closed the meeting at 10:35 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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Roy Schulz - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer