

City of Tekoa
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday – September 22, 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: Present.
CM SHELLY AUSMUS: Present.
CM DAVE TYSZ: Present.
CM CHERI CURRIER: Absent.
ATTY. HANSON: Present.
- IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** None.
- V. SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Ausmus would like to change the wording of the “Union Contract Vote” to “are being reviewed” vs. “not.” There was discussion. CM Ausmus moved to accept the September 8, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes with correction. CM Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
- A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Steve Haxton spoke about the event happening on the 3rd of October and asked for clarification. CM Ausmus clarified that there is a Tekoa Town Hall meeting on October 3, at 6 P.M., at the Empire Theatre. People running for office are also invited to give their opinions.
- B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. UNION CONTRACT VOTE:** CM Martin said the contract is under review, and he expects there to be a proposal to the union this week. There was discussion.
- B. TINY HOME ORDINANCE 906:** There was discussion. CM Hale moved to accept Ordinance 906 re: tiny homes. CM Ausmus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. TRANSPORTATION PLAN REVIEW:** CM Jaeger explained the proposed transportation plan for 2026-2029. There was extended discussion. CM Ausmus moved to approve the proposed plan with the addition of Railroad Ave. for 2030 and paving Howard between Warren and Henkle St. for

2031. CM Hale discussed not wanting to pave Seaman Rd. due to constant flooding. There was discussion. CM Thomas seconded the motion. CM Hale abstained; CM Ausmus, Tysz, Martin, Currier, Jaeger and Thomas voted yes.

- D. **FINISH REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT/FIT REPORT:** CM Ausmus asked about the FIT report and about the water fund. CM Ausmus moved that the annual report be presented to the council at the second meeting of May each year and for the FIT report to be presented to the council once the auditors publish it. CM Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- E. **SWSMP AMENDMENT-CE&C:** Clerk Evans-Teague explained the amendment. CM Tysz moved to approve Amendment 1 for the SWSMP Update contingent on county commissioner approval. CM Currier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- F. **SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION 25-05 & 25-06:** CM Hale moved to approve Res. 25-05. CM Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Res. 25-06 will be discussed in Executive Session.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **CENTURY WEST: WWTP PLANNING UPDATE:** Century West representatives Jason Froelich and Dan Remmick presented the current system and the proposed alternatives as well as rate impacts. Dan Remmick explained Century West's recommendations. The next step is to submit the plan to the Dept. of Ecology. There was discussion. CM Tysz recommended using a belt press and asked if Century West could pursue that consideration. There was discussion. Century West will send the report to the city. There was discussion.
- B. **COMPLAINT PROCESS:** CM Ausmus asked Adam Matthews to explain his suggestion for submitting complaints to the city. Adam suggested the citizen complaint forms be Google forms on the city website, and people could submit from there. Discussion followed and Clerk Evans-Teague will check into putting the form on the website.
- C. **EMPIRE THEATRE:** CM Tysz reserved the theatre on October 3, 2025, at 6 P.M. for a Tekoa Town Hall meeting. It is an opportunity for the community to ask questions. CM Tysz would like to see the city establish a repair fund for the theatre as well as other city buildings. Ideally, the theatre will find grants to help with their repairs. There was discussion. CM Ausmus also asked about helping with the community center.
- D. **JUB INVOICE/PAYMENT REQUEST 188121 APPROVAL:** Clerk Evans-Teague explained the invoice and payment requests, and CM Hale reported progress on the Willard Field Paving Project. CM Hale moved to approve the invoice and payment request. CM Tysz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- E. **CE&C INVOICE APPROVAL:** Clerk Evans-Teague explained the CE&C invoice for the SWSMP Update. CM Hale moved to approve the CE&C invoice 1005. CM Ausmus seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- F. **CEMETERY ENDOWMENT REQUEST:** Clerk Evans-Teague read the funding request. CM Martin moved to approve the request. CM Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

- A. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz reported that he will be in Wenatchee for the Emergency Management Training and the Mayors' Round Table. The following week is the infrastructure planning meeting, and the Port of Whitman is paying for the mayor and Steven Thomas to attend the conference. Mayor Schulz also brought up the possibility of electronic billing for utilities in the future. There was discussion. CM Ausmus moved to pay up to \$500 of costs for the mayor to attend the emergency conference. CM Tysz seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. **STAFF REPORT:** Clerk Evans-Teague reported the solar grant process is moving along.
- C. **COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Thomas asked about any pit bull ordinance. He was informed about the dangerous dog ordinance. CM Jaeger asked about L & I status. CM Ausmus reported on the Parks and Rec. pool income for 2025. Parks and Rec. will run their levy in February. CM Ausmus noted some items from the personnel policy and asked about the role of the council in setting wages with the union. CM Ausmus asked about the entrance signs to Tekoa and if the city could take on the maintenance and cost on the agenda for the next meeting. CM Ausmus read a statement asking the mayor to prohibit the city employees from putting campaign signs in their yards.
- X. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS:** None.
- XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The mayor announced executive session at 8:38 PM for 12 minutes re: possible legal matters and real estate matters. CM Ausmus moved to accept Res. 25-06, setting the ending sealed bid date for Oct. 20, 2025, at noon. CM Tysz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** CM Jaeger moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Tysz seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 8:51 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer