

**City of Tekoa**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
***Monday – September 8, 2025 - 6 P.M.***  
**Tekoa City Hall**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Schulz called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.
- IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** CM Ausmus asked that the clerk email the tiny home ordinance to council for next meeting.
- V. AUGUST 18, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Hale moved to approve the August 18, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes. CM Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
- A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Adam Matthews addressed the council on behalf of Water St. residents about concerns about a particular neighbor. He proposed the council and city move to a digital format so that concerns can be viewed immediately, and it can be easily addressed. CM Ausmus asked for it to be put on next meeting's agenda.
- B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. UNION CONTRACT VOTE:** CM Martin said the changes to the proposed contract are being reviewed by the attorney. When the attorney gets back to them, they will present it.
- B. TRANSPORTATION PLAN REVIEW:** CM Jaeger moved to table the transportation plan review until the next council meeting. She has had some feedback from the community and invites further discussion.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. JOHN JAEGER-COMMUNITY CENTER:** John Jaeger apologized about being “out of line” at the last meeting. He felt appalled that the door between the theater and the community was locked from the theatre side and not locked from the community center side. He gave some history on the reason for the door and requested the lock be changed to the other side of the door. He also spoke about the community center. He would like to see the contract better explained so the average person can have a clearer idea. He suggested that a council member does the walkthrough before and after events. Clerk Evans-Teague corrected the faulty understanding that the theatre could not lock the reciprocal door on their side and that the theatre has had access to the community center with a code and a key fob from installation of the lock. There was extended discussion. CM Ausmus suggested that maybe a few council members could help facilitate inspections. CM Tysz would like it on the agenda for next meeting. CM Ausmus nominated CMs Tysz and Jaeger to be liaisons to the Empire Theatre. They agreed to be liaisons. CM Martin suggested there be a committee. There was additional discussion.
- B. SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION:** Atty. Hanson is still working on getting a legal description for Old City Hall. He will have both surplus resolutions for the next meeting.
- C. CENTURY WEST FINAL SWSMP INVOICE APPROVAL:** CM Tysz moved to approve the SWSMP Update invoice 250662 for \$4,668.06. CM Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW:** Clerk Evans-Teague went through the schedule portion of the annual report for the council. There was discussion. The council will review the “Notes to the Financial Statements” portion of the annual report and revisit the annual report at the next meeting.
- E. RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:** It was clarified that council meetings are now on YouTube. CM Ausmus asked about when the city can expect to be keeping an audio record. Mayor Schulz asked Reid Smith for an update on where things stand. Atty. Hanson spoke about some of the public records requirements for meetings. There was extended discussion about the methods and pros and cons of the city recording the council meetings. CM Ausmus proposed using YouTube for the next six months. She would like to see some research on server costs, etc. The council will revisit the issue again as needed.
- F. SWSMP AMENDMENT APPROVAL-CE&E:** Clerk Evans-Teague presented the proposed amendment to the SWSMP agreement with the Port of Whitman now that well discovery was a part of the agreement. She will bring a finalized version before the council for the next meeting.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:**

- A. MAYOR’S REPORT:** None.
- B. STAFF REPORT:** Clerk Evans-Teague reported on possible grants for solar panels and the library furnace replacement (applied for by Whitman County Library) and a new intern-type employee for the office.
- C. COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Hale reported on the airport project and that the project is back on schedule and under budget. The public works employees ran wires for the airport lights through conduit ahead of the pavers. CM Martin reported on the interpretive signs. The interpretive panel company wants to confirm how they were put together. If they were installed correctly, the company will “make it right” so they don’t leak. CM Martin has also ordered signs for redirecting people to the trestle and away from private property. CM Ausmus reported on the quarterly Tekoa Care Center meeting. Care Center patients are grateful for the gracious commodities staff and service. CM Ausmus also reported that a very large percentage of the

employees at the Tekoa Care Center are local residents. The Tekoa Care Center wants to be positively involved in the community. CM Ausmus then reported on the Parks and Rec. Dept. Parks and Rec. would like to thank the individuals who have helped with flowers, watering, mowing, etc. CM Ausmus presented a non-petition re: restoring the noon whistle. CM Jaeger thanked the clerk for going through the annual report with them. CM Tysz mentioned he would like to remove a tree on city property as it is leaning far from center. There was discussion.

- X. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS:** CM Tysz moved to approve EFT payroll and checks # 18003-18027 in the amount of \$70,476.83 and EFT payroll and checks #18028-18061 in the amount of \$123,629.21. CM Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 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 8:21 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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Roy Schulz - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Eliza Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer