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January 2025

January 3- Chamber of Commerce

7:30 A.M. – Éclair's

January 6- City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. - City Hall

January 7 - Tekoa EMS & EMT Training

6:30 P.M. - Ambulance Barn

January 7- Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.

6:30 P.M. - City Hall

January 9- Healthy Tekoa Coalition

9:00 A.M. – Tekoa SD Boardroom

January 21 - City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. - City Hall

January 21-Tekoa Parks & Rec Meeting

6:00 P.M. - City Hall

January 22- Tekoa School Board Mtg.

6:30 P.M. - Tekoa SD Boardroom

January 21 or 28 - Commodities Distribution

8-11 A.M. - Tekoa City Hall

The City of Tekoa will have our council meeting in the Tekoa City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, January 6 and 21, at 6:00 P.M. You may join in person.

Message from your Mayor—

Good day everyone, I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. In all the chaos surrounding the holidays, I pray you took the time to remember those close to you. I am going to try to keep this as short as possible. On Jan. 8th at 6:30 P.M. at the High School, an informational meeting will address the future sewer treatment plant project and have a representative from our engineering firm available to answer questions. Also, Tekoa Parks and Rec will be on hand to give an update on their plans for the summer and how they will proceed in the near future. Another topic I would like you to consider is what you believe Tekoa's need for added police presence is. The city



has not had much conversation about this, but when the discussion is casually brought up, it can bring up some interesting opinions. It's just for future reference. Since we are talking about the sewer plant there have been some crazy numbers floating around about the increase in your water and sewer bill. The Council recently approved an increase of 5 dollars a month in sewer and 1 dollar a month for your water bill. This is never an easy decision, but with increases in expenses from everything from fuel to chemicals to pipe to all the supplies it takes to maintain a town, like everything else, things have gone up. The Public Works staff and the city office personnel are constantly monitoring ways to keep our budget in line. Carleen Sams, our newly hired Deputy Clerk, gave the city her letter of resignation. Although she wasn't looking, she was approached by a job opportunity that she couldn't pass up. We wish her the very best! Also, since we had just interviewed candidates for this position, the city, approved and hired the next available applicant. We wish to welcome Nikki Hughes to

the staff, I know she will be a real asset to the office and the city.

Mandi Prince resigned from her position on the city council, effective immediately. I wish to thank her for her service, and we wish her well.

That means we have an opening on the council. If you are interested, you can apply at city hall, and we will be interviewing at the January 21st meeting. Haha, so much for being brief. Thank you so much for your patience and we will talk next month.

"You don't always need to understand your journey in life, you just need to trust that you're going in the right direction." ~Steven Aitchison

~Roy