

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For October 5, 2020

Remote meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Troy Wilson called the remote meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were Wilson, Alyssa Heagy, John Jaeger, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, BJ Sperber and Dave Tysz. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. The Fletchers, Melani Meagher, and Jennifer Olson were logged in remotely.
- II. **PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:** There was none.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Jennifer Olson was in attendance and reported the survey is still open, and they only have half of the amount they need, so she hopes they will still turn them in.
- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:** There was none.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **DEPUTY CLERK POSITION:** Browning reported only two people applied, and she would like to extend the time so that we can get more applicants. We will open the position for a few more weeks, so we can hopefully get more applicants.
 - B. **CLARIFICATION FOR FILING AND INSTANT ALERT CLERK:** Browning asked the council to change the filing clerk position to that of a temporary employee so the file clerk won't have to pay self-employment taxes. Alyssa Heagy made a motion to change the listing as a temporary employee for 80 hours. John Jaeger seconded the motion. John Jaeger voted yes, Roy Schulz voted yes, Alyssa Heagy voted yes, BJ Sperber voted yes, Dave Tysz voted yes, and Wendy Sienknecht voted yes.
 - C. **TINY HOUSES:** Troy Wilson talked about the different opinions about tiny houses. John Jaeger said that the people at the planning commission will discuss it. Alyssa Heagy said the people on the planning commission will have to do the open public meeting training before they can be on the committee. There was discussion. Browning will contact the attorney for clarification.
 - D. **CRIME COMMITTEE:** Alyssa Heagy sent out an email to Dave Tysz and BJ Sperber with the survey. She read the questions they will be asking citizens.
 - E. **LETTER TO RAILROAD:** Mayor Wilson are waiting for Eric Hanson to review the letter and send it back.

F. TOW SERVICE FOR JUNK CARS: Dave Tysz found a company from Airway Heights that will tow the cars without charging the city. He just needs the code enforcement officer to sign off on the cars. We will contact Mike Bogenreif about this.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. LETTER FROM TEKOA APARTMENTS: Browning read the letter from the Tekoa Retirement Apartments asking to have their water rates reduced even though they have a 2-inch meter. The council does not want to reduce their cost, because we would have to reduce costs for everyone with a 2-inch meter.

B. RMSA ASSESSMENT RATES FOR 2021: It will go up .05 for our liability insurance.

VII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Wilson asked if we are continuing two meetings a month. They will keep it at two a month for now. Troy Wilson said the food truck was shut down because they did not have the proper permits.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Browning asked the council to hire Micki Harnois, a planner to update the Critical Areas Ordinance for the city, for up to \$2000. Alyssa Heagy made a motion to hire a professional planner for up to \$2000 to update the Critical Areas Ordinance for Tekoa. John Jaeger seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

Browning also reported we sold \$14,219 in fuel at the airport in the last year and will be paying Whitman County \$2,216.27 towards the reimbursement for the fuel card reader.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: Alyssa Heagy has a conflict with the next three council meetings. She requested the meeting start late or she would be late. They said she can be late. She asked the city to recognize October as breast cancer awareness month. She asked the council to donate to mammograms. Dave Tysz said someone is interested in building container homes. There was discussion.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Lydia Fletcher asked who will be on the planning committee. John Jaeger told her.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. September 21, 2020, MEETING MINUTES: Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Jaeger seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Roy Schulz made a motion to pay EFT payroll checks and check number 14875 to 14885 in the amount of \$20,712.02 and EFT

check and check numbers 14886 through 14899 in the amount of \$148,429.69 as presented. John Jaeger seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. John Jaeger seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

APPROVED:

Troy Wilson - Mayor

ATTEST:

Kynda Browning – Clerk/Treasurer