

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For January 6, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-tempore David Tysz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were Alyssa Heagy, John Jaeger, Mary LaSalle, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht and BJ Sperber. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Pro-tempore Tysz asked those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:** Shelly Ausmus was in attendance to talk about activities at the library.

Jennifer Olson was in attendance to talk about the Healthy Tekoa Coalition.

- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
Tim McClurg was in attendance and said in July he came before the council to talk about recreational burning that is causing adverse reaction by his wife. It has been six months and nothing has been done. Alyssa Heagy said she is talking to the attorney. He said our ordinance should be changed so if the burning bothers someone, the fire should be put out. Wendy Sienknecht wants neighbors to talk to each other and suggested that our code enforcement officer could help with any disagreements. Roy Schulz asked if we didn't have a code, it would revert to state law. John Jaeger said we should have a policy stating it has to be put out if it bothers the neighbor. There was discussion, and it was decided to have Alyssa Heagy continue to research it.

- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** There was none.

- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. SEWER RATE INCREASES: Asher Davison was not in attendance from the Tekoa Care Center to talk about the rate increase for the Care Center.

B. CITY OWNED BUILDINGS: Joni Hay Smith asked what buildings we want a value on. The council would like her to get a valuation for the old city shop and old city hall.

- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. UPDATED FEE RESOLUTION 99-20.1: John Jaeger made a motion to approve the fee Resolution No 99-20.1 as presented. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

B. WENDY SIENKNECHT - RDI FLAG PROJECT: Wendy Sienknecht talked about Rural Development Initiatives committee, and they decided to purchase the RDI flags.

Wendy Sienknecht made a suggestion to have a “type of tornado warning whistle” that would warn the community to shelter within. She would like the council to think about it.

C. ORDINANCE NO. 855 - UTILITY TAX TO CURRENT EXPENSE FUND: Ordinance No. 855 transferring the water and sewer utility tax to the current expense fund was presented to the council. Alyssa Heagy made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 855 as presented. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes

VIII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR’S REPORT: The mayor was not in attendance.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Browning reported that we received information concerning the property near the trail. There was discussion. The council asked that Troy Wilson talk to the owner and report to the council at the February meeting.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: Wendy Sienknecht asked that Mike Bogenreif be contacted about pit bulls that were to leave town.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Bill Harp said that he would like his road to be plowed, and he asked about Spring Street getting more gravel.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. December 16, 2019, MEETING MINUTES: Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alyssa Heagy seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Roy Schulz made a motion to pay payroll check number 14476 through 14485 and EFT checks in the amount of \$18,924.14 and check numbers 14486 through 14503 and EFT checks in the amount of \$35,274.44 as presented. Alyssa Heagy seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. Alyssa Heagy seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

APPROVED:

David Tysz - Mayor Pro-tempore

ATTEST:

Kynda Browning – Clerk/Treasurer