

# City of Tekoa

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*For March 2, 2020*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Troy Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were Wilson, John Jaeger, Mary LaSalle, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, BJ Sperber and Dave Tysz. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Wilson asked those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:** There was none.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** There were none.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** There was none.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **TIB PARK ROAD PROJECT:** Matt Morkert was not in attendance.
  - B. **DOE SEWER PLANT UPGRADES:** Matt Morkert was not in attendance.
  - C. **CITY OWNED BUILDINGS:** The council talked about the price for our lease buildings. Roy Schulz said he doesn't think it is wrong to own buildings. BJ Sperber asked why we want to sell them. After discussion, the council decided not to try to sell the buildings we own.
  - D. **EMERGENCY WHITSLE:** Wendy Sienknecht has some ideas, and she wants to put it on the next agenda.
  - E. **FIRE PIT:** John Jaeger made a motion that any recreational fire and/or lawn waste that poses a health threat to a neighbor must be extinguished immediately. This may occur as a result of a neighbor conversation or from the city's code enforcement officer. In cases where the code enforcement office is not available, the mayor or his/her designee would immediately meet with both parties and, if necessary, extinguish the fire. Wendy Sienknecht seconded the motion. There was discussion. All council members voted yes.
  - F. **WHITMAN COUNTY SHERIFF CONTRACT:** The mayor said that we have to decide if we want to add hours to the sheriff contract. There was discussion. The council does not want to add more hours.

**G. DEPUTY CLERK REPLACEMENT:** The council adjourned into executive session for 10 minutes at 7:38 p.m. The mayor announced we will add 5 more minutes to the executive session. The executive session adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The council reconvened.

Roy Schulz made a motion to pay the deputy clerk \$15.00 an hour, with the same benefits as Tara Chittenden, and work full-time. It was decided to advertise the position when we get a notice from Tara Chittenden. John Jaeger seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**H. .09 GRANT:** John Jaeger would like to write the grant to join the theatre to the community center with a door between them in the kitchen. Mayor Wilson said the council decided previously they did not want to do it. There was discussion.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. AWC LOSS CONTROL GRANT:** John Jaeger made a motion to apply for a new entryway sidewalk into the community center and to replace part of the sidewalk on Crosby from Park to Huffman Street, with the AWC loss control grant. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

## **VIII. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** He asked the council if they have something to report on, please put it on the agenda.

The mayor will make a list of areas in the city that each council member will be in charge of making suggestion on.

**B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** She did not have a report.

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS:** John Jaeger reported there are three abandoned vehicles on Ted Blaszak's property. There was discussion.

John Jaeger made a motion for the council to approve any installation of barbed wire or electric fences in the City of Tekoa. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; John Jaeger, Roy Schulz and Mary LaSalle voted yes. Wendy Sienknecht and Dave Tysz voted no. BJ Sperber abstained from voting. Roy Schulz changed his vote to no. It will be on the March 16 agenda.

April 6 is Spring Break and the mayor will be gone. Dave Tysz will run the meeting.

Wendy Sienknecht asked about getting cameras and the paper dumpster. Mayor Wilson said we are getting prices for cameras.

Dave Tysz asked if they have been doing flow tests on Seaman Road.

**D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** There were none.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. February 3, 2020, MEETING MINUTES:** Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the February 2, 2020, minutes as presented. Wendy Sienknecht seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** Roy Schulz made a motion to pay payroll check number 14572 through 14582 and EFT checks in the amount of \$25,524.30 and check numbers 14553 through 14571 and 14583 through 14595 and EFT checks in the amount of \$66,108.62 as presented. Wendy Sienknecht seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Wendy Sienknecht seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**APPROVED:**

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Troy Wilson - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kynda Browning – Clerk/Treasurer