

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For April 20, 2020

Remote meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Troy Wilson called the remote meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were Wilson and others in attendance by roll call: Alyssa Heagy, John Jaeger, Mary LaSalle, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, BJ Sperber and Dave Tysz. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. The Fletchers were logged in remotely.

II. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION: There was none.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were none.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: There was none.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. DOE SEWER PLANT UPGRADES: The maintenance crew would like the council to proceed with the lift station for the sewer plant. It was suggested we would use two of the lifts we have and only replace one for the updated line across the creek. There was discussion about lining the sewer line and not putting in the new lift station. Because of the current economic situation, the council decided not to do it this year.

B. DON HAY INVOICE FOR DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT DURING DEMOLITION: Don Hay will get an updated invoice from the company when he has time from his spring work. There was discussion about paying the additional bill.

Wendy Sienknecht talked about the Honeywell purchase and would like to put an insert in our newsletter to tell people about it. She will call them and ask if they want to sign up. It will cost the city \$5.00 per household. There was discussion.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BUDGET REVISION: Ordinance No. 856 was presented to the council to pay back the current expense fund from the cemetery fund and transfer the budgeted money from the current expense fund to the cemetery fund - \$15,000.00, to the street fund - \$20,000.00, to the fire department fund - \$20,000.00, and to the criminal justice fund - \$49,000.00, for a total of \$104,000.00 from the current expense fund. Alyssa Heagy approved Ordinance No 856 as presented. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. Roll call for the vote: Alyssa Heagy voted yes, John Jaeger voted yes, Mary LaSalle voted yes, Roy Schulz voted yes, Wendy Sienknecht voted yes, BJ Sperber voted yes and Dave Tysz voted yes. The motion passed.

B. INSURE BUILDING AT CEMETERY: It was explained that the building at the cemetery was not included with our insurance and AWC asked if we would like to include it. The council would like to know the deductible and the cost to insure the building.

VIII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Wilson said he met with the state park ranger last week. They drove up to the trail where a fifth wheel, car and trash are located, and it was determined it was on state park property. He said he talked to Ted Blaszak and he is planning to have his property cleaned up by June 1, 2020.

Mayor Wilson reported he is still waiting for a bid to install the Bollard posts in the alley behind the Andersson building. There is a tax sale that will come up at the end of the year, and someone suggested they make it into a skate park.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Browning reported Eric Hanson told her instead of filing a lien for the Andersson building that was demolished, we can file a claim through the estate. He will send information to her when it can be done. Dave Tysz asked if we could pay for the windshield repair with the lien. Browning will find out.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: Dave Tysz said burning the brush went well today. People told him they are thankful the city is burning.

BJ Sperber said the city will be marking the trip hazards and damaged sidewalks. A list of the order of sidewalk repairs to be made will be done with the information.

Alyssa Heagy reminded the council that the pink ribbon run is next Sunday for Every Woman Can.

There was a reminder about the hole on Crosby Street and Mayor Wilson said it will be fixed when the asphalt plants open.

John Jaeger said he would like to know what the fire department spends the \$20,000.00 on that is put in their budget from the current expense fund. Mayor Wilson said he will talk to them about the budget.

Roy Schulz said someone is interested in renting the old city shop and is willing to pay \$100 a month up to \$150 for a three-year lease. He has a machine shop he is using in Latah but would like to move to Tekoa. Mayor Wilson asked Browning to send a copy of the contract we had with the last lease for the council to review.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were none.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. April 6, 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 in the amount of \$7,990.12 and check numbers 14639 through 14656 in the amount of \$25,202.10 as presented. John Jaeger seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. John Jaeger seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

APPROVED:

Troy Wilson - Mayor

ATTEST:

Kynda Browning – Clerk/Treasurer