

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For May 18, 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, Alyssa Heagy, Mary LaSalle, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, BJ Sperber and Dave Tysz. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. Matt Morkert, and Fletchers were logged in remotely.
- II. **PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:** Matt Morkert went over change order no. 1 for the TIB/water/sewer project eliminating the water line from Park Street to Huffman. Alyssa Heagy made a motion to approve change order no. 1 as presented. Roy Schulz seconded the motion. BJ Sperber voted yes, Dave Tysz voted yes, Wendy Sienknecht voted yes, Alyssa Heagy voted yes, Mary LaSalle voted yes, and Roy Schulz voted yes. The motion passed.

Matt Morkert said they ran into a problem with the sewer services. The contractor would like to be paid \$2,000.00 for the change, but Century West is reviewing it before they present it to the council for approval. There was discussion. He will give us more information after they review it.

- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** There were none.

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

- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. DON HAY INVOICE FOR DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT DURING

DEMOLITION: Don Hay presented an invoice for \$188.65. Troy Wilson said they should not be liable for operator incompetence. Wendy Sienknecht said we should not do it and should not pay for the window. There was discussion. Alyssa Heagy made a motion to pay for the invoice to Don Hay for the windshield for \$188.65, rescinding the original motion to pay \$2500.00. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; Wendy Sienknecht said that we should not pay this. Troy Wilson said that there is no way a contractor can know what could happen on the job. Dave Tysz said we are getting away pretty cheap on the demolition of that building. BJ Sperber voted yes, Dave Tysz voted yes, Wendy Sienknecht voted no, Alyssa Heagy voted yes, Mary LaSalle voted yes, and Roy Schulz voted yes. The motion passed.

B. BUDGET REVISION: Browning presented Ordinance No. 857 amending the budget for the Park Street Grant for \$640,142.33, the water reserve fund for \$51,000.00 for the water replacement on Crosby Street and the sewer reserve fund for \$88,000.00 for

the sewer replacement on Crosby Street. Roy Schulz made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 857 as presented. BJ Sperber seconded the motion. BJ Sperber voted yes, Dave Tysz voted yes, Wendy Sienknecht voted no, Alyssa Heagy voted yes, Mary LaSalle voted yes, and Roy Schulz voted yes. The motion passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CHANGES TO SURCHARGE: Browning asked the council to set a timeline for people who ask to have their water and sewer put on surcharge. It was originally set up for snowbirds to have a reduced rate while they are gone in the winter, but now people ask to have their water and sewer put on surcharge if they are gone for two weeks. Dave Tysz is recommending 60 days, but Roy Schulz said it should be 90 days. Mayor Wilson said that we need to have people gone for 90 days before we put them on surcharge. Browning will amend the ordinance and present it to the council at the next meeting.

VII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Wilson reported that he got several complaints from someone about the burn pile. There was discussion. The mayor said Dave Tysz and John Jaeger need to let Kynda Browning know so she can call DOE, and he would like a schedule of when they are going to burn. After discussion, the mayor said he will call Dave Tysz about it. Wendy Sienknecht said she will make a sign that says, "Tekoa Residents Only," after the council agreed it was a good idea.

Tara Chittenden presented her resignation, and Browning asked that they wait 30 days to advertise for a replacement.

The mayor said there have been a lot of questions about the sewer plant, and he said the council should contact Duane Groom or Kevin Turnbough. They would be happy to show them what is happening with the sewer plant and how close it is to failing. He told them if they have questions for the city employees, please contact them and ask them. He asked the maintenance crew to put together a snapshot of what they do so the council will have an idea.

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

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: BJ Sperber reported the sidewalks have been marked for trip hazards and he went and looked at them to evaluate the worst ones that need to be taken care of right away. He asked to have it on the next agenda. The Mayor will drive around and look at them.

Wendy Sienknecht said that URM is delivering to the store again. She has been calling about the instant alert.

Alyssa Heagy attended the Small City webinar. They talked about cybersecurity. She also talked about the CARES Act that allocated money to each state. The governor said that it

can only be used for COVID 19. They are asking that we write to our legislatures to amend the CARES Act to be used for budget stabilization and replacement. Mayor Wilson said that we have the rest stop downtown that we could get reimbursed for.

Mary LaSalle said that she gets to open up next Monday.

Roy Schulz said they are getting rock for the cemetery.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were none.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. May 4, 2020, MEETING MINUTES: Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. BJ Sperber 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 14681 in the amount of \$8,020.14 and check numbers 14682 through 146700 in the amount of \$57,222.62 as presented. BJ Sperber seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. BJ Sperber seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

APPROVED:

Troy Wilson - Mayor

ATTEST:

Kynda Browning – Clerk/Treasurer