

# City of Tekoa

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*For May 4, 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, Mary LaSalle, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, BJ Sperber and Dave Tysz. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. Matt Morkert, Fletcher and Jennifer Olson were logged in remotely.
- II. **PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:** Matt Morkert said thanks to Alyssa Heagy for handing out notices for the TIB project. He sent a copy of a change order removing the water line between Park and Huffman to the contractor, but he hasn't received a signed copy back. He said he was told we don't want to do the lift station upgrade at the sewer plant, but he also told the council the funding isn't available until June, and we wouldn't start paying it back for another year. There was discussion about doing an income verification. Matt Morkert said if it comes out too high, we would not be able to get funding, possibly for five years. There was discussion. Dave Tysz suggested we talk to Evergreen Rural Water, and they asked if we could use the free-and-reduced-lunch numbers from the school to get income numbers. John Jaeger will check with the school.  
  
Jennifer Olson was in attendance remotely to talk about Healthy Tekoa Coalition.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** There were none.
- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:** There was none.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **DOE SEWER PLANT UPGRADES:** Matt Morkert spoke about this earlier.
  - B. **DON HAY INVOICE FOR DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT DURING DEMOLITION:** Don Hay will get an invoice to us.
  - C. **BUDGET REVISION:** Browning went over the budget and proposed budget revisions. There was discussion about the budget and not hiring a replacement for Tara Chittenden when she moves. There was discussion about having the office open fewer hours. John Jaeger made a motion to approve the budget as presented. The council said they would like to review it before they make a decision. John Jaeger withdrew his motion, and we will put it on the agenda for the May 18, 2020, meeting.
  - D. **INSURE BUILDING AT CEMETERY:** Browning told the council that we received a bid from AWC RMSA to insure the cemetery building for \$144.00 per year.

Roy Schulz made a motion to add the building at the cemetery to our insurance. John Jaeger 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.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. MURAL APPROVAL:** Alyssa Heagy said the art teacher and some students would like to put a mural on the wall on Warren Street to commemorate the seniors, with something to do with the Timberwolves. After discussion the council said they are for it.

**B. GARBAGE CANS ON STREET:** Empire Disposal won't go into the alley anymore, so people will have to put their garbage in front of their houses. There was discussion. Browning will call the garbage company to get information. Matt Morkert asked if we want him to get a cost for a pad to put the garbage can on. Mayor Wilson asked him to get the cost. Roy Schulz asked if the people could pay for having both sides of Crosby to be paved for parking space. Matt Morkert said TIB does not want us to pave that, because it would cost more to maintain.

## **VIII. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Wilson reported he has been in contact with Ted Blaszak and the park ranger. The trailers are on park property. The park ranger said he is working on getting people off the property. Wendy Sienknecht talked about the trail and is concerned about it. The park ranger said the vehicles will be off the property by June 1, 2020.

Mayor Wilson thanked Wendy Sienknecht for her work on the Honeywell System.

Our attorney advised us not to put any money into the Andersson building property, including Bollard posts for a barrier. The mayor asked the council to email him with comments.

The mayor is concerned about people who live out of town dumping in the burn pile. He is still looking for a bid for cameras to face the burn pile.

AWC said the state is giving money for the COVID crisis for small business support. Browning will look into it. There was discussion.

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

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS:** Wendy Sienknecht sent a letter to URM and discussed the problem with only having one supplier for groceries. She asked the council members to write them a letter. She also asked if we are going to have Slippery Gulch and talked about the Jr. Livestock Show and the fair in the fall.

John Jaeger said if the council has questions or concerns about the budget, they will contact Kynda Browning prior to the meeting and c.c. the mayor. He also asked if we can oil the gravel streets. Browning will contact the company that oiled for us last year and set up the oiling.

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

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. April 20, 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 payroll checks 14657 to 14668 and EFT checks in the amount of \$18,311.78 and check numbers 14669 through 14680 and EFT check in the amount of \$7,340.33 as presented. John Jaeger seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. John Jaeger 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