

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For June 1, 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, John Jaeger, Mary LaSalle, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, BJ Sperber and Dave Tysz. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. Matt Morkert, Jennifer Olson and Fletchers were logged in remotely.

II. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION: Matt Morkert presented Progress Payment No. 1 for the TIB Crosby/Park Street project. He said total cost for the sewer work the city is paying for is \$59,281.27, and \$67,966.70 for the TIB road portion of the project, for a total invoice of \$127,247.97, before retainage. There was discussion about someone with access issues to their house. Roy Schulz made a motion to approve payment for the Progress Payment No. 1 as presented. Alyssa Heagy seconded the motion. Dave Tysz voted yes, BJ Sperber voted yes, Roy Schulz voted yes, John Jaeger voted yes, Alyssa Heagy voted yes, Wendy Sienknecht voted yes, and Mary LaSalle voted yes.

Matt Morkert talked about an income survey. There was discussion.

Jennifer Olson reported on the Healthy Tekoa Coalition and invited the Mayor and council to the Annual Key Leader meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were none.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: There was none.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. CHANGES TO SURCHARGE: There was discussion about making it so people need to be gone 90 days to change them to surcharge. John Jaeger made a motion to change the surcharge to start when they are gone 90 days or more. Roy Schulz seconded the motion. Dave Tysz voted yes, BJ Sperber voted yes, Roy Schulz voted yes, John Jaeger voted yes, Alyssa Heagy voted yes, Wendy Sienknecht voted yes, and Mary LaSalle voted yes.

B. SIDEWALKS: BJ Sperber said all the sidewalks were rated, and we should remove the worst ones. BJ Sperber made a motion to remove the sidewalks with the extreme lifts. John Jaeger seconded the motion. Dave Tysz voted yes, BJ Sperber voted yes, Roy Schulz voted yes, John Jaeger voted yes, Alyssa Heagy voted yes, Wendy Sienknecht voted yes, and Mary LaSalle voted yes. There was discussion about getting another

section of sidewalk done, but we have to wait until Kevin Turnbough can get a bid from a contractor so we will know how much can be replaced.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVE PAY ESTIMATE No. 1 for TIB PROJECT: This was approved earlier.

B. ONE MEETING A MONTH FOR THE SUMMER: The mayor asked if the council would like to have one meeting a month during the summer. John Jaeger made a motion to have one meeting a month through the summer and only the second meeting in September because of Labor Day. Roy Schulz seconded the motion. Dave Tysz voted yes, BJ Sperber voted yes, Roy Schulz voted yes, John Jaeger voted yes, Alyssa Heagy voted yes, Wendy Sienknecht voted yes, and Mary LaSalle voted yes.

VII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Wilson reported he found some IP cameras online for \$200 to \$500. Wendy Sienknecht said we want cameras. John Jaeger asked what would happen if someone from out of town dumped in the burn pile and would you be able to identify the car. There was discussion. Mary LaSalle said we need a sign that says, "For Tekoa residents only and you are under surveillance." The mayor said he will get the cameras.

He said Peter Haxton will be mowing for Tekoa and will be paid through Rural Resources Youth Employment.

Mayor Wilson said we are still in Covid-19 pandemic phase 2, but Whitman County applied to go to phase 3.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Browning reported we will receive \$25,000 from the Department of Commerce to give to the local businesses that lost money while they were closed. She said we may need help deciding how to divide the money when she gets the approval from Commerce. There was discussion. We will discuss it further when we get the money.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: John Jaeger said:

~There is garbage all over the ground by the dumpster at the trailer park, and they should get a bigger dumpster.

~The weeds are growing at the car dealership, and we should contact the owner to take care of them.

~The bowling alley has broken windows that need to be fixed. The mayor said he will talk to Mr. Kidder about it.

Wendy Sienknecht said there is a cat problem at the Wheatland Apartments and other critical issues such as drug traffic and resident's qualifications. When neighbors complain and ask for assistance from Community Action, they are told to call Whitman County Sheriff's office. Wendy Sienknecht asked if the council could write a letter. Mayor Wilson asked if she would edit a letter to be presented at the July council meeting.

Dave Tysz said he wants to burn, and the mayor said the debris is too green to burn it.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were none.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. May 18, 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 and check numbers 14701 to 14711 in the amount of \$19,784.73 and EFT check and check numbers 14712 through 14727 in the amount of \$139,574.10 as presented. John Jaeger seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

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

APPROVED:

Troy Wilson - Mayor

ATTEST:

Kynda Browning – Clerk/Treasurer