

# City of Tekoa

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*For July 20, 2020*

*Remote meeting*

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Troy Wilson called the remote meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were Wilson, Alyssa Heagy, John Jaeger, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, and Dave Tysz. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. Diane Harp, the Fletchers and Matt Morkert were logged in remotely.

II. **PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:** Matt Morkert presented Progress Payment No. 2 for the TIB Crosby/Park Street project for \$188,336.15, \$131,812.30 for the TIB project, \$15,775.45 for the sewer portion, and \$50,408.79 for the water portion of the project. Roy Schulz made a motion to approve Progress Payment No. 2 as presented; John Jaeger seconded the motion; Dave Tysz, Roy Schulz, Alyssa Heagy, Wendy Sienknecht and John Jaeger voted yes.

Matt Morkert said there is a call for projects for the Safe Routes to School projects for sidewalk from Main to Line Street for a cost of \$530,000 with a 2% match. John Jaeger made a motion to approve the application for the Safe Routes to School grant with a 2% match. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; Dave Tysz, Roy Schulz, Alyssa Heagy, Wendy Sienknecht and John Jaeger voted yes.

Matt Morkert talked about the DOE loan for the lift station that would have to be completed by 2025. After discussion Alyssa Heagy made a motion to reinstate the application for the DOE loan for a new lift station to be done in 2022 and be completed by 2025. Dave Tysz seconded the motion; Dave Tysz, Roy Schulz, Alyssa Heagy, Wendy Sienknecht and John Jaeger voted yes.

Matt Morkert asked if there were any questions on the Park and Crosby Street project. He said they are having discussions with the contractor about the timeline and the cost of things. Wendy Sienknecht asked about the warranty and Matt Morkert said it is a two-year warranty.

III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Diane Harp said Kristy Disney is still in the trailer on the railroad and they are driving on the trail. Mayor Wilson said he will contact the ranger again.

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. DOE LOAN FOR LIFT STATION:** Matt Morkert talked about this earlier.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. APPROVE PAY ESTIMATE No. 2 for TIB PROJECT:** This was approved earlier.

**B. CLARIFICATION FOR FENCING:** John Jaeger said that he would like to have clarification on barb wire and electric fences. He would like them to be approved before they can put them up. Wendy Sienknecht said we need to be fair and consistent with everyone we deal with. Browning will get information about fencing for the city. John Jaeger said he would like to have the railroad take care of the weeds and to tell us what is underground that could be contaminated. Kynda Browning will pull ordinances for fences and bring it back to the council. Mayor will send the railroad a letter about the property.

**C. BURN PILE – WATER HOOK UP:** Dave Tysz said there is a water line on the Wilbur Ellis property that he could hook up to and extend it out to the burn pile with a sprinkler to put the fire out. Mayor Wilson told the council that he purchased a camera for the burn pile. He is getting proper setup so he can put it up on the shop. Dave Tysz said that people could go back to burning in their own yards if we don't continue this and asked if the council wants to use this as a permanent burn site. Mayor Wilson said he will get the camera up and we will see how it works.

**D. STREET LEVY FOR 2021:** There was discussion. Dave Tysz made a motion to do a street levy for \$50,000 for streets and/or sidewalks. Alyssa Heagy seconded the motion; Dave Tysz, Roy Schulz, Alyssa Heagy, Wendy Sienknecht and John Jaeger voted yes.

**VII. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Wilson reported he purchased the camera for the burn pile and talked about hooking it up. He reported the Covid grant from the Department of Commerce was distributed to businesses that lost money.

**B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** Browning reported we hired a deputy clerk, Olivia Brown through Rural Resources, as well as a maintenance employee, Peter Haxton. Rural Resources will pay for 300 hours and then we will open the deputy clerk position when the 300 hours are used. It was reported they are both doing a great job.

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS:** Wendy Sienknecht wrote a letter to Community Action about the Wheatland Apartments and read it to the council. It will be from the council and mayor. Alyssa Heagy said it should say alleged drug use. It will be changed.

Wendy Sienchnecht said she has talked to most people about the Honeywell Instant Alert System. She is still working on it, but the majority of the people are interested in being on it.

Dave Tysz said the council needs to be involved in the upcoming sewer plant replacement project.

John Jaeger asked if Mike Bogenreif has been working on things and he said there is a car that has been sitting on Warren Street for a long time.

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

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. June 1, 2020, MEETING MINUTES:** Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction about Wendy Sienknecht's comments. Dave Tysz 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 14728, 14745 through 14754 and 14824 in the amount of \$30,394.57 and EFT checks and check numbers 14711, 14729 through 14744, 14800 through 14823 and 14825 through 14840 in the amount of \$350,152.13 as presented. Dave Tysz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Dave Tysz 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