

# City of Tekoa

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Roy Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Council members\* present at the meeting were Pete Martin, Mike Hale, Shelly Ausmus, Angie Rambo, Dave Tysz, B. J. Sperber and Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague. Additional attendees were Brad and Sheila Chandler and Lydia Fletcher.

\*In following paragraphs, Councilperson(s) will be abbreviated as: "C."

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Roy Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: OPEN COUNCIL POSITION:** Mayor Schulz called Executive Session at 7:02 P.M. for 5 minutes. The mayor extended the session until 7:07 P.M.

**IV. CORRECT VOTING PROCEDURE FOR OPEN COUNCIL POSITION:** The vote commenced with Mandy Prince receiving "Yes" votes from C. Sperber, C. Martin, C. Ausmus, C. Rambo and C. Tysz. Brad Chandler received a "Yes" vote from C. Hale. Mandy Prince is the new council member. The mayor told the council he is disappointed that the current council changed their votes and that it stinks of collusion. C. Ausmus responded that he couldn't prove that. *\*C. Tysz said there was no collusion and C. Rambo added that she had not changed her vote and found it disturbing that the mayor accused the whole council of wrong-doing. Also, Mayor Schulz stated that while they were there, the council needed to address another item. Ausmus asked if they could do that since it was a special meeting. The mayor proceeded.*

**V. JOB POSTING REQUIREMENTS:** The mayor informed the council that Brandon Schneider resigned. He then explained that because the city must put the starting wage in the ad for the replacement position, the council will have to give direction before the job listing can be posted. The mayor suggested \$25/hour. C. Sperber asked Eliza about her opinion on a starting wage. Eliza stated that she did not think we would get any applicants below \$25/hr. There was discussion about the timeframe and how it should be advertised and at what rate the position should be started. Brad Chandler commented on wage ranges. C. Hale moved for the position to be advertised at \$22/hr. starting wage and ranging from \$22-30/hr., including starting wage being negotiable DOE and including benefits and job description. C. Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The mayor also let the council know that Cathy Haxton is resigning from the cemetery coordinator position. That position will be advertised at the same time and at the present wage. Mayor Schulz let the council know that now that we are down one maintenance position, we will likely be unable to do the prep required on Ramsey St. to get ready for the chip seal work. There was discussion about how to manage the situation and hopefully be able to work with the funding to see if we can postpone it until next year.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** C. Ausmus moved to adjourn. C. Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

*\*Italics represent changes to the minutes requested and approved by the council.*

**APPROVED:**

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Roy Schulz - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer