

City of Tekoa
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday – July 1, 2024, 6 P.M.
Tekoa City Hall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Mayor Schulz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Councilmembers* in attendance were Mike Hale, Margie Jaeger, Pete Martin, Dave Tysz, Mandi Prince, Lydia Fletcher and Shelly Ausmus. Also in attendance was Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague.
*In the following paragraphs, Councilmember(s) will be abbreviated as “C.”
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Mayor Schulz led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **AGENDA:** C. Martin added, “CEMETERY BOARD REPORT” to the agenda.
- IV. **JUNE 17, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** There was discussion. C. Ausmus moved to accept the minutes. C. Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.
- A. **COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.
- VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. **COUNCIL RULE REVIEW:** Jennifer Robertson presided over the council rule review. There was discussion. A further review will take place at the August 5, 2024, council meeting with an eye toward adopting a council rule resolution on August 19, 2024.
- B. **UNFIT DWELLING COMMITTEE:** Brad Chandler reported that he had submitted a letter to the deputy clerk to write up and send to the attorney re: the Keegan building. There was discussion re: which other buildings were under review.
- C. **CARGO CONTAINERS:** C. Ausmus noted that there was a committee meeting on June 27, 2024, and the council is inviting citizens to make public comment re: containers July 15, 2024.
- D. **TINY HOMES:** Steve Haxton reported on his tiny home research, noting quite a bit of the requirements come from state law. He made a recommendation of requiring them to be permanent structures (i.e. on a slab or foundation). There was discussion. Steve explained requirements for stick-built vs. modular or manufactured homes. He

recommended tinyhouse.com for information. There was discussion about current code and how tiny homes might fit. Mayor Schulz asked Steve to find an ordinance that might fit from another community to bring before the council.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CENTURY WEST: CONSULTANT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT: C.

Tysz moved to approve the consultant supplemental agreement from Century West for the TIB scrub seal project. C. Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. TAX LEVY HEARING: RESOLUTION 24-03: Clerk/Treasurer Evans-Teague explained the proposed special street levy is the same amount that has been requested in previous years. C. Ausmus moved to pass Resolution 24-03. C. Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion.

C. CHANGE OF NAME ON MOORE HANGAR LEASE: C. Tysz moved to change the name from David Moore (deceased) to Cristy Moore. C. Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. ALLEY IMPROVEMENT: There was discussion about the level of responsibility of homeowners and the city re: alleyways. Public Works supervisor Steven Thomas relayed that the reason he suggests the city grade out gravel purchased for the alleys is to avoid damage to manholes, etc. C. Tysz will work with the public works dept. to craft an ordinance. There were comments and discussion. Steven Thomas suggested that the council simply allow the employees to blade out the gravel. There was discussion. This item will be on the next agenda.

E. CEMETERY PLOT ACCOMODATIONS: Kathi Houston, cemetery coordinator, reported to the council that there was a need for clarification of our ordinance to allow for the number of burials in each plot. The ordinance doesn't agree with the number allowed by tradition, so it needs to be addressed by ordinance, if the number is to be formally changed. This will be on the next agenda.

F. SALARY COMMITTEE: C. Hale asked if the council would like to have a salary committee again. He and C. Ausmus are interested in being on the committee and a third person is needed. C. Jaeger will volunteer, and they will meet in advance of the budget formation season.

G. BUDGET AMENDMENT: ORDINANCE 892: C. Hale moved to accept Budget Amendment Ordinance 892. C. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. CEMETERY BOARD REPORT: C. Martin asked the council to clarify his role as the council representative to the Goldenrod Cemetery Perpetual Endowment Fund board. Mayor Schulz commented on the history of the position. There was

discussion. The mayor directed that Clerk/Treasurer Evans-Teague attend the cemetery endowment board meetings.

IX. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Schulz reported on talking with Fire Chief Chase and what is needed to keep alleys open for fire department vehicles. There was discussion about volunteerism. The mayor also reported that Tekoa Parks and Recreation has asked if the city would donate the city property at the Gymkanna Grounds. Surveying was discussed. The council was interested in discussing things further.

B. STAFF REPORT: None.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: C. Prince asked about the Welcome to Tekoa signs coming into town and who was responsible for them. Ideas to keep the signs in better repair are welcome. C. Hale reported there is a licensed mobile aircraft mechanic who will be coming to Willard Field. C. Hale also said the WSDOT budget should come out in the next few weeks. C. Ausmus would like to be on a committee. C. Tysz asked a few financial questions about training for the council. C. Tysz suggested that C. Ausmus be on the Parks and Rec. committee. C. Ausmus accepted the committee assignment.

X. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Nancy Thorson commented on the single-wide mobile home ordinance. She would like the city to reconsider the single-wide manufactured home ordinance.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: C. Hale moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Ausmus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 8:34 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer