

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 7, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Roy Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Council members present at the meeting were Dave Tysz, Shelly Ausmus, Mike Hale and Pete Martin, Mary LaSalle and Angie Rambo. Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague was present, as well as additional attendees Jennifer Olson, Debbie Hall, Matt Morkert and Lydia Fletcher.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Schulz led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE/ COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:**
 - A. Jennifer Olson reported on the upcoming virtual meeting for Healthy Tekoa Coalition and November's meeting is Tuesday the 15th.
 - B. **MATT MORKERT: INFLUENT LIFT STATION AND MAIN STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATES AND PAYMENT REQUESTS:** Matt Morkert reported that the Main Street Sidewalk Project is finished. He reminded us that no salt should be put on the sidewalk for at least one year, two would be better, so the top layer doesn't flake off. Dave Tysz moved to pay the Century West bill for the Main Street Sidewalk project. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Matt Morkert went on to report that bedrock was hit almost immediately at the Influent Lift Station. Rock hammers were very slow in removing any of the rock. He recommends putting a pause on the project for six-eight months until better weather can come, and they can use expanding grout or a more expedient solution. This will have some impact on the total cost. Century West will have to reevaluate methods. Dave Tysz moved to approve the current pay estimate for the Influent Lift Station Project and Shelly Ausmus seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
 - C. **RACHEL GRANRATH: SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE:** cancelled due to weather.
- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CEMETERY ORDINANCE DISCUSSION:** Mary LaSalle reported that she met with Cathy Haxton and Cecilia Gatica regarding the cemetery. They investigated alternative methods for placing vases and they suggested finding a model or two of vase that would work. Mary presented the proposed new guidelines for placing items at the cemetery. They would allow for any decoration with a stick or pole base to be placed immediately against the grave marker, and any items left for decoration would have to be on top of the marker and not beside it. Any decorations that aren't anchored will be removed if they

become displaced. Mike Hale suggested that Mary put together a proposal for the next meeting, to which she agreed.

B. DENISE KEEGAN BUILDING UPDATE: Mayor Schulz is still trying to get ahold of Denise. Eventually the city will have to go through the process of posting, etc. to enter the building for inspection.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. FIREWORKS: Angie Rambo suggested that we develop guidelines limiting the hours for fireworks. Shelly Ausmus brought up how things went last year, and this year, and Mike Hale suggested going with the recommendations of the state fire marshall. Dave Tysz suggested we ask the fire department to post guidelines. Input from the attendees was sought. A reminder re: respectful observation of the 4th of July in the newsletter and around town was suggested by Shelly Ausmus and Angie Rambo. Angie said she would ask some other towns what they do.

B. PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING: Mayor Schulz opened the hearing at 8:07 P.M. in which Eliza Evans-Teague presented the proposed preliminary budget. Shelly Ausmus motioned to include a line item of \$5,000 for maintenance of the rest stop area, welcome sign areas, etc. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Eliza Evans-Teague will provide the council with a short breakdown of fund budget numbers. Shelly Ausmus introduced conversation about the mayor's pay and to consider raising that at some future point.

C. TAX LEVY HEARING & RESOLUTION: Mayor Schulz opened the hearing at 8:22 P.M. Eliza Evans-Teague presented a 0% increase and a 1% increase option for the tax levy resolution. Angie Rambo moved to approve a 0% increase in the tax levy and Mary LaSalle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. ORDINANCE 877-BUDGET AMENDMENT: Eliza Evans-Teague presented Budget Amendment Ordinance 877. Shelly Ausmus moved to accept Ordinance 877. Pete Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Schulz opened executive session at 9:43 P.M. to last until 9:55 P.M.

VII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Schulz let the council know about a possible avenue to recruit an airport mechanic.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Eliza Evans-Teague reported on some right-of-way issues the city is addressing. A conversation concerning right-of-ways followed. Janis Fisher contacted the city about taking responsibility for the residence at 337 W. Elizabeth St. in lieu of her son and co-owner, Glenn Fisher.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS:

1. Angie Rambo reported that Skyline St. needs to be graded again.

2. Shelly Ausmus reported that Susannah Scaroni broke another record. She suggested the city should consider a way to honor Susannah. Shelly also reported that the library side of the .09 grant work is coming along. Flooring is starting tomorrow. Turkey Trot at the Trestle is coming this Thanksgiving and Small Business Saturday is on track for the Saturday after Thanksgiving.
3. Pete Martin reported that that the trailhead is coming along.
4. Dave Tysz reported that he is getting ready to burn and needs the water turned on by the burn pile.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. OCTOBER 17, 2022, COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES: Shelly Ausmus moved to accept the minutes from October 17, 2022. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Shelly Ausmus moved to pay EFT payroll checks and check numbers 16213-16244 in the amount of \$73,687.73. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The council passed the motion unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Shelly Ausmus moved to adjourn the meeting. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Schulz closed the meeting at 10:07 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer