

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 22, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Roy Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Council members present at the meeting were Pete Martin, Mike Hale, Shelly Ausmus, B.J. Sperber, Dave Tysz and Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague. Additional attendees were Troy Wilson and Reid Smith.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Mayor Roy Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
 - A.** Troy Wilson proposed vacating or having a variance on the alley behind his property on south Water Street where the lots are 50' deep and there is a steep hillside. The council will look into it a little further before making a determination.
 - B.** Reid Smith inquired about the possibility of a variance for building a shop/shed at his home on Crosby St. The council deferred the decision until Reid brings in actual drawings and dimensions and has the approval of his neighbor(s).
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:** None.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. INVESTMENT PRESENTATION:** Harrison Stenberg of TVI presented financial information about investing to purchase bonds. The council will discuss the possibility and will pick it back up at the March 7, 2022, meeting.
 - B. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS/SUGGESTIONS:** The council divided themselves as liaisons between the different community groups and developed a monthly schedule for reports from them to keep up-to-date.
 - C. REVIEW OLD CITY HALL LEASES:** The council discussed some helpful additions to the old city hall leases. Pete Martin moved to have Eliza Evans-Teague update the leases with the discussed changes and bring them back to the council for review at the next meeting. Shelly Ausmus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - D. ROBERT KRAMER CONSULTANT FEE TO TRAIN CEMETERY COORDINATOR:** After council discussion, Shelly Ausmus moved to pay Robert Kramer a \$1000.00 consultant fee for training the cemetery coordinator. Pete Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Eliza Evans-Teague will prepare the payment and a letter to Robert from the council.

E. AWC LOSS GRANT APPLICATION/ .09 GRANT IDEAS: The AWC Loss Grant Application was submitted and ideas for the .09 Grant were solicited from the council. Some ideas from the council were shared and Eliza Evans-Teague will formulate those into a grant request.

F. ORDINANCE 869-ADD FUND 454 FOR LIFT STATION: Dave Tysz moved to pass Ordinance 869. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: USDA annual water report is finished. We are making significant progress in identifying and fixing water system leaks. Eliza Evans-Teague enlisted the council's aide in identifying grant needs, especially that might fit with Covid Fund grants.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: The council discussed the possibility of utilizing a grant writer.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. FEBRUARY 7, 2022, MEETING MINUTES: Dave Tysz moved to approve the minutes from February 7, 2022. B.J. Sperber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Dave Tysz moved to pay EFT payroll checks and check number 15756– 15772 in the amount of \$37,172.42. B.J. Sperber seconded the motion. The council passed the motion unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Dave Tysz moved to adjourn the meeting. B.J. Sperber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Schulz closed the meeting at 9:17 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer

