

# City of Tekoa

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*Monday, March 21, 2022*

- 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 Brandon Schneider, Sarah Gulliksen, Paul Kimmel, Janis Fisher, Lynette Faunce, Kirk Fisher, Jennifer Olson, Mike Bogenreif, Duane Groom and Lydia Fletcher.  
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- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Mayor Roy Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
  - A. **COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** Jennifer Olson gave us the Healthy Tekoa Coalition updates. Mike Bogenreif updated the council on his Code Enforcement officer duties.
  - B. **PAUL KIMMEL, AVISTA, CHARGING STATION:** Paul Kimmel explained the electric vehicle charging station that Avista can provide at no cost for installation, management or maintenance for the city. The city will need to sign an agreement with Avista and decide on a location for the station in the next few months if they decide to go forward.
  - C. **BRANDON SCHNEIDER-PROPERTY PROPOSAL:** Brandon Schneider proposed to buy two lots from the city that lie behind his house. The lots are basically land-locked and unbuildable, from his perspective. The council discussed the proximity of the lots to the creek and informed Brandon of the difficulties that could present to him. Dave motioned that the city sell the lots to Brandon Schneider for any and all applicable costs of transferring the titles and attorney's fees, plus \$50.00 per lot, pending the advice of the city's lawyer. Mike Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - A. **ADDITION TO POSITIVE BURN PILE CORRESPONDENCE:** The letter from Sally and Ivan Mercer in support of the burn pile was read to the council and attendees.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **TROY WILSON VARIANCE:** The Troy Wilson proposal overview was given to the council by Dave Tysz and Duane Groom. Dave Tysz moved to grant the variance changing the portion of south Washington Street between Line St. and Bluff to the width of 20', with the cost of surveying the new street width included in the city's annual surveying project, and the individual cost of surveying for establishing boundaries of individual properties left to the property owners.

**B. INVESTMENT DISCUSSION:** Harrison Stenberg from TVI updated the council on recent financial market conditions and bond performance. Mike Hale moved to invest \$200,000.00 of the city's reserve funds into the 2-year and 3-year performance bonds recommended by Harrison Stenberg on the investment schedule he was referencing. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. COLUMBARIUM (NICHE WALL)/CEMETERY PLOT FEES:** After discussing niche wall and plot prices, Dave Tysz moved to set niche wall spaces at \$450, full grave plots at \$600, half-grave plots at \$300, and interment fees will now be \$125.00.

Tree work at the cemetery was also discussed. Mike Hale moved that we accept the Out On a Limb bid for tree work. Pete Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. LYNETTE FAUNCE:** Lynette Faunce discussed the formatting of the city's bills and pointed out how the late fee categories look like they are specific categories, not an overall fee divided into three categories. Shelly Ausmus moved to update the billing statement to show a single late fee of \$15 and not the breakdown of the fee and to include a permanent note on the bill that states late fees will be assessed after the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Angie Rambo seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**C. JANIS FISHER:** Janis Fisher clarified how the city designates the sewer line de-activation fee.

**D. GARBAGE CANS ON CROSBY ST.:** Shelly Ausmus presented information about replacing and/or updating the garbage cans on Crosby St. B.J. Sperber will look at auction sites to try and find surplus cans at a reasonable rate.

**E. CITY CLEAN-UP DAY PROPOSAL:** Shelly Ausmus moved to approve the estimated cost of a dumpster for a clean-up-the-city day. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. CITY OF TEKOA SHORT AND MID-RANGE PLANNING GOALS:** B.J. Sperber moved to approve the Short and Mid-Range Goals for 2022-2023 that align with the City of Tekoa's Comprehensive Plan. Angie Rambo seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**G. .09 GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL:** Eliza Evans-Teague presented the application for the 2022 .09 Funds grant. Mike Hale moved to approve the application. Dave Tysz seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**XII. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Roy Schulz reported that the burn pile will be burned on Sunday, March 27. He invited the council and the public to a webinar at the city on Wednesday, March 22, 9-11 A.M. called, “Civic Apathy vs. Civic Pride.”

**B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** Eliza Evans-Teague reported the need for the council to establish parking fines. The council directed her to gather information from other municipalities and report.

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS:** Shelly Ausmus reported re: Parks and Recreation. She also invited the council and public to the May 13, 2022, all-day Chamber events; the May 14, 2022, Palous- to-Cascades trail local opening; and the June 4, 2022, grand opening for the same trail. Pete Martin will represent Tekoa on April 8, 2022, at the Beverly Bridge dedication. Angie Rambo reported that there was a Slippery Gulch committee meeting coming up. There will be a dessert auction to support Slippery Gulch on May 10, 2022. Angie Rambo also let the council know that bingo at the Empire Theatre had gone well.

**D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

**XIII. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. MARCH 7, 2022, MEETING MINUTES:** B.J. Sperber moved to approve the minutes from March 7, 2022. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** B.J. Sperber moved to pay EFT payroll checks and check number 15806– 15826 in the amount of \$ 48,376.17. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The council passed the motion unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** B.J. Sperber moved to adjourn the meeting. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Schulz closed the meeting at 10:32 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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Roy Schulz - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer