

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 2, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Roy Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Council members present at the meeting were Mike Hale, Pete Martin, B.J. Sperber, Shelly Ausmus, Dave Tysz, and Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague. Additional attendees were Eric Hanson, Vitaly Chekulayev, Wendy Sienknecht, Jennifer Olson.

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

- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
 - A. **COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:**

 - B. **WENDY SIENKNECHT RE: TEKOA CARE CENTER:** Wendy Sienknecht submitted current and previous letters to the Tekoa Care Center. She presented the main issue of public defecation from TCC residents circulating in town and some suggestions for how to solve the issues. She will persist in reaching solutions with the Tekoa Care Center.

 - C. **VITALY CHEKULAYEV: CENTURY WEST:** Vitaly Chekulayev reported that Century West is seeking approval to get bid ads published next two weeks for the Lift Station and Main Street Sidewalk projects. Dave Tysz motioned to place bid ads for the and Main Street Sidewalk projects. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Shelly moved to approve ad bid for the Lift Station. Pete Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **PARKING FINES:** Eric Hanson presented Ordinance 873 prescribing civil infractions fines. Pete Martin moved to accept Ordinance 873. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

 - B. **NOTUM-PEOPLE WHO CAN CLOSE THE AIRPORT:** Mayor Schulz has not been able to contact new persons who can close this airport. He will continue to try and make contact for this purpose.

- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **WEBSITE UPDATE:** Shelly Ausmus discussed the advantages of an upgraded website for the city. She will bring some additional information for the next meeting.

 - B. **BUDGET ORDINANCE #872:** BJ Sperber moved to pass Ordinance 872 and Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. PLACEMENT OF ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION: The council discussed a good place for the new charging station. Shelly Ausmus moved that the electric car charging station be placed on the southwest side of Crosby at Main St., with one designated spot. B.J. Sperber seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Schulz discussed possible zoning issues with the city attorney, Eric Hanson, and the council. Mike Hale will be taking over the airport liaison position on the council. The cemetery projects are moving along. Cathy Haxton is doing a good job.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Eliza Evans-Teague reported the present state of the budget and informed the council of the movement of money from LGIP to the approved bond investment. Eliza also presented the surplus list and Dave Tysz moved to surplus the items on the list, minus the V-plov. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. In addition, the restroom cleaner gave 2 weeks' notice. The position will be posted right away.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS:

Pete Martin: Soft and hard openings of the trestle planning are well under way.

Shelly Ausmus: reported on the Chamber Event coming May 13th at the Tekoa Community Center. There will be a work fair in the morning, round table discussion in the afternoon, and a movie and community group fair in the evening. May 14th will be the soft opening of the trestle trail. Trash cans project inquiries were made. Picnic tables for the restroom area were discussed. Shelly Ausmus moved to split costs for one picnic table between the city and fundraising. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Wendy Sienknecht commented on posting the upcoming restroom position and utilizing the K-12 system. Eliza Evans-Teague will post the restroom position around town. Eliza also mentioned the need for the mayor and 2 additional people to learn how to use the system, so it could be implemented and immediately used.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APRIL 18, 2022, MEETING MINUTES: Pete Martin moved to approve the minutes from April 18, 2022. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Pete Martin moved to pay EFT payroll checks and check numbers 15990-15920 in the amount of \$34,064.18. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The council passed the motion unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Pete Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Angie Rambo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Schulz closed the meeting at 8:52 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer