

**City of Tekoa**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
***Monday – April 21, 2025, 6 P.M.***  
**Tekoa City Hall**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Schulz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

**III. ROLL CALL:**

**MAYOR SCHULZ:** Present.  
**CM DAN THOMAS:** Present.  
**CM MARGIE JAEGER:** Present.  
**CM PETE MARTIN:** Present.  
**CM MIKE HALE:** Present.  
**CM SHELLY AUSMUS:** Present.  
**CM DAVE TYSZ:** Present.  
**CM CHERI CURRIER:** Present.

**IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** CM Ausmus would like to move Recording meetings to continuing business. CM Martin would like to cancel the request for an executive session re: the audit.

**V. APRIL 7, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Hale moved to approve the April 7, 2025 Minutes. CM Martin would like to remove the words “suggested for” under Harassment Policy. CM Tysz moved to accept the minutes as amended. CM Jaeger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Steve Haxton commented on the council removing a second comment session for each council meeting. He would like to be able to address things that happen in the meeting right away and not have to wait for the next meeting.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS RE: TINY HOMES:** Nancy Thorson spoke about the need to make Tekoa more affordable for those entering the housing market, particularly mobile and tiny homes. She spoke of the need to make a welcoming community. Steve Haxton spoke in favor of tiny homes and urged the council to be as liberal as possible in setting rules while balancing concerns. The mayor suggested forming a committee of three to review early tiny home applications. There was discussion. CM Ausmus suggested discussing a committee at the next meeting. There was extended discussion.

**C. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. **HARASSMENT POLICY:** CM Martin feels it would be helpful for the council to approve his preliminary harassment policy. Atty. Hanson would like to see the city adopt the state's harassment policy and put that in place, if there is not one already. There was discussion. The mayor requested the clerk to bring the Washington RCWs dealing with harassment to the next meeting.
- B. **POLICY MANUAL- RECORDING OF MEETINGS:** CM Ausmus would like the city to purchase the equipment and record city meetings. She would like to see them posted on the website. CM Ausmus moved to buy the equipment and record the meetings. CM Jaeger seconded the motion. There was discussion. Atty. Hanson advised against creating an additional source of public records. Reid Smith let the council know that Facebook's policies are changing to one month preservation. There was extended discussion. Yes-CM Martin, Ausmus, Currier and Tysz voted yes. CM Thomas and Hale voted no. The motion passed.

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **UNION REPRESENTATIVE:** Kelly Wright from the WSCCCE introduced himself. He explained the process the city has gone through to this time and what to expect going forward. He answered questions from the council and audience. There was extended discussion.
- B. **SURPLUS:** Steven Thomas presented the surplus list. There was discussion. CM Ausmus moved to surplus everything but the plow. The motion passed unanimously
- C. **FEE RESOLUTION SCHEDULE UPDATE-99-25:** The clerk introduced the updated fee resolution schedule. There was discussion. CM Hale moved to accept Fee Resolution 99-25. CM Jaeger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. **SHORT AND MID-RANGE GOALS, 2025-2026:** The clerk introduced the proposed goals for the city for 2025-2026. There was discussion, particularly re: airport improvements. The council will consider the goals and come back to this next meeting.
- E. **STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE:** The mayor asked if there were any remaining questions. There was discussion. CM Ausmus moved to pay \$1,300 for Springbrook Express to review the annual report. CM Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion.
- F. **INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING CONFERENCE:** The infrastructure funding conference was recommended by our engineer re: the upcoming sewer plant. CM Martin moved for CM Tysz to represent the city at the upcoming conference. There was discussion. CM Jaeger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:**

- A. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** The mayor let the council know the pump at the airport needs to be replaced, and an application for the airport lights has been submitted to the .09 committee. There was discussion about how the card reader at the airport was financed with the Port of Whitman, and perhaps we could do something similar again. There was discussion. The mayor asked whether a dog waste station can possibly be installed at the trestle trailhead. The mayor reported on progress re: the golf course septic field. There was discussion about pumping the golf septic tank and the cemetery at the same time.
- B. **STAFF REPORT:** None.

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Hale distributed the quarterly budget position totals and explained the good health of the current budget. There was discussion. CM Hale gave some ideas to lower costs and generated some income. CM Jaeger would like to invest in the golf course. CM Currier thanked the people who volunteer for so many groups in the city, including the council. CM Martin also thinks the golf course deserved investment. He is working on getting the interpretive signs up in the very near future, likely by the end of the month or first week in May. The trestle trailhead is slowly improving. CM Ausmus reported the trestle looks good. She thinks money spent conferencing with the auditors is well spent. CM Tysz reported the budget committee's intentions, and he checked on the contract operator's hours and timesheets.

**X. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS:** CM Ausmus moved to accept payroll EFT and checks #17741-17762 in the amount of \$75,478.06 and payroll EFT and checks #17763 -17790 in the amount of \$69,887.60. CM Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** CM Ausmus moved to adjourn. CM Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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Roy Schulz - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Eliza Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer