

City of Tekoa
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday – April 7, 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 the council policy manual to **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**. It was decided to leave it there. CM Martin asked about going to executive session re: the audit.

- V. MARCH 17, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Ausmus would like to clarify that she said the council said the council had not approved the gravel cost and it wasn't on the rate schedule. CM Martin moved to accept the minutes as amended. CM Ausmus seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES: Jennifer Olson updated the council re: the re-approval of the Healthy Tekoa Coalition funding and an upcoming presentation by the participating high school students. There is a new middle school youth club that is off to an active start. Jennifer is also working with the Target Zero coordinator for safe driving for prom. There was discussion. Jennifer Olson reported on the Chamber of Commerce. She is looking for volunteers for the Slippery Gulch breakfast; an hour or two at a time. Please sign up at the bank.

- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. HARASSMENT POLICY: CM Martin presented a preliminary suggestion for a harassment policy. The policy will be submitted to Atty. Hanson for review.

- B. TINY HOMES:** CM Ausmus introduced suggestions for tiny homes. She posed some questions to the citizens of the city and hopes people will come to the next meeting and let the council know what they want. There was extended discussion.
- C. APRIL CLEANUP:** CM Currier commented the dumpster will be open for this year's town clean-up on April 11-13, Friday-Sunday, 9am-6pm. There was comment about stacking efficiently.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. AUDIT REPORT:** CM Tysz commented about using a service to update our codebook to get things current and keep them that way. He would like the clerk to get an estimate for these services. There was extended discussion about the audit report and how the problems can be addressed for future years. Independent review may be a helpful resource. There was extended discussion.
- B. COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL:** This item was moved to the next meeting.
- C. PUBLIC RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:** CM Ausmus asked about the audio recording of the meetings that are referenced in the policy manual. She would like to have the city record the meetings at least in an audio format. There was extended discussion. CM Ausmus suggested finishing the discussion of this with the other manual requirements.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

- A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz reported he met with a contractor re: the golf course septic system and the clubhouse. He reported that there is some location work that needs to be done and that it needs to be pumped and inspected. The contractor thought the "bones of the clubhouse" are good, but it needs a lot of updates. The golf course committee is looking into replacing the windows and talking to Avista re: this project.
- B. STAFF REPORT:** Clerk Evans-Teague reported that the legal settlement to Eric Hood has been paid.
- C. COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Jaeger inquired about office duty delegation re: audit preparation. CM Hale said the airport resurfacing should happen in July, and the airport will be shut down at that time. The WA legislature is looking at possibly changing whether people can live in their hangars; currently it is frowned upon. He also reported on the status of the lease rates and that they are close to market standards. There was discussion about airport lights and lease rates. CM Tysz reported that the budget committee would like to see the city put the water and sewer excise taxes back into water and sewer funds, respectively. There was discussion. CM Ausmus reported the Parks and Rec. were able to officially open the playground with the new playground equipment they were able to install with grant help. CM Martin said he will put in the interpretive signs when the sites are identified and signed off on.

X. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS: None.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: CM Ausmus moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer