

City of Tekoa
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday – May 5, 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.
ATTY. HANSON: Present.

IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

- V. APRIL 21, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Ausmus would like to add verbiage to the section re: audit discussion. CM Ausmus would also like to add the discussion about who owned the camera currently being used under VII B. CM Martin moved to accept the minutes as amended. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Brad Chandler spoke re: the council moving to eliminate the second public comment section in council meetings on March 3, 2025. Kevin Turnbough would like permission to paint a pickleball court on the basketball court. Players would have to provide their own net. There was discussion. It will be on the next meeting's agenda. Steve Haxton commented re: attorney recommendations and how they are or are not followed by the council.

B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES: None.

- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive session re: potential litigation issues was called by the mayor at 6:08 P.M. for 22 minutes. At 6:30 P.M. the mayor extended the executive session for 5 more minutes. Executive session was extended by the mayor until 6:47 P.M. The mayor called executive session at 6:53 P.M.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **SHORT AND MID-RANGE GOALS, 2025-2026:** There were questions and discussion about water meter installation. There was discussion. CM Hale moved to accept the Short- and Mid-Range Goals for 2025-2026. CM Ausmus seconded the motion. There was extended discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. **HARASSMENT POLICY:** There was discussion. Atty. Hanson would like to see the personnel policy and will come back to the council with the policy. Tekoa council will revisit this in a month.
- C. **TINY HOMES:** CM Ausmus introduced proposed options re: tiny homes. There was extended discussion. Steve Haxton commented re: tiny home size. There was discussion. CM Hale moved to accept Option 4 as a guideline for crafting a tiny home ordinance. CM Martin seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. **COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL:** CM Ausmus spoke about the policy manual re: recording (passed at the last meeting). There was discussion. Reid Smith will bring his research back to the council at the next meeting. CM Ausmus also reminded the council that the public remarks should be addressed to the body at large, not a single member of the council.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **TIM IKE-JUB-AIRPORT WSDOT GRANT:** Tim Ike updated the council and citizens about the current project that should be commencing in July during the hottest weather. He then spoke about the taxiway development the city originally applied for, before the runway issue emerged. The planning phase would come first and then applications would be submitted for the contracting phase. Tim thinks he can get numbers together for an estimate by the end of the week to apply for the next grant cycle for the airport. There was extended discussion.
- B. **CREDIT CARD POLICY:** CM Tysz discussed reviewing the credit card policy. He suggested the city have only two credit cards. There was discussion. CM Tysz will forward the policy to the council for perusal.
- C. **JOB OPENING:** The mayor announced a public works position opening and asked the council for a wage rate recommendation. There was extended discussion. CM Hale moved to approve \$22-25 per hour so the position can be advertised. CM Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The position will be open until June 1, 2025. Steven Thomas reported to the council about the summer's project list re: street repair and sewer issues. There was discussion.
- D. **KYLE DOMBROSKI:** Postponed until the next meeting.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

- A. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz reported he attended the Idaho Success Summit. He thought it was very valuable.
- B. **STAFF REPORT:** Clerk Evans-Teague reported she attended MRSC Municipal Financial Bootcamp was last week.
- C. **COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Thomas wants to see code enforcement look at yards. CM Jaeger asked about city building sales. The mayor clarified that the process has not moved forward yet. CM Hale would like to see the code enforcement officer keep a journal of what he is doing. Martin said two interpretive panels are up now. The process is underway. Martin asked about the golf course. The mayor reported on where things are re: the septic pumping, etc. The mayor also let CM Martin know about some issues at the trestle and asked if he could follow up

with the state park. CM Martin reported there is a porta potty at the trestle trailhead, and the state is working on improving the trailhead. CM Ausmus reported that Parks and Rec. put out an explanation of the levy issue. She also spoke about the council trying to represent Tekoa well and serve the community well. CM Carrier asked about where investment monies are held.

XI. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS: None.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session was called at 8:21 P.M. for 15 minutes to talk about personnel issues. The mayor called the session at 8:40 P.M.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: CM Ausmus moved to adjourn. CM Hale seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer