

**City of Tekoa**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*Monday – June 16, 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:** None.

- V. MAY 19, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** CM Ausmus would like to change the word, “clarified” to “asked” in section VII B. and would like to remove the sentence about clarifying that there will be no committee for approving tiny homes. There was additional discussion. CM Ausmus moved to approve the changes. CM Tysz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Comments were made inquiring about how and when mosquitoes will be sprayed this summer. Additional comment was received from Darlene Pearson asking the council to reinstate the second public comment period or move the single comment period to the end of the meeting.

- B. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** None.

- C. 6-YEAR TRANSPORTATION HEARING:** There was discussion about the proposed transportation plan. Public Works Supervisor Thomas will bring additional information back to the council at the next meeting.

- D. CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:** Mike Bogenreif explained the junk car and yard abatement ordinances, as well as related letters that went out. Mike explained that if people have dog complaints, they need to fill out a complaint letter. Officer Bogenreif inquired about the fifth wheel on the Crosby St. lot and it was explained that the owners have been granted an additional six months to purchase and install their manufactured home as they are actively pursuing their options. John Jaeger commented that he would like there to be no loitering at the playground.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: TINY HOMES FOLLOW-UP:** CM Ausmus would like Atty. Hanson to write the tiny homes ordinance. The mayor asked about having more than one tiny home per lot to offset costs. Matt Morkert suggested looking into legislation that allows three per lot.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. CENTURY WEST-WWTP PLANNING UPDATE:** Century West laid out several options for the proposed wastewater treatment plant. Mechanical and lagoon options were discussed in detail. Matt Morkert brought up several grant options.

**B. JOHN GIUDICE-VARIANCE REQUEST:** John Giudice requested a variance to have a zero foot setback at the front of his 215 S. Truax project property. CM Tysz moved to grant John Giudice the zero foot setback at the front (East) side of his property. CM Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**C. ACCEPT .09 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR WILLARD FIELD:** CM Hale moved to accept the 2025 .09 grant for lights for Willard Field in the amount of \$9,339.12. CM Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. HEIDI CORRELL (PIROUETTE) LEASE REQUEST:** Heidi Correll petitioned the council to cancel her yearly lease or go to a month-to-month lease. There was discussion. CM Hale will review the lease with Heidi and bring the best suggestion back to the council for review and vote. CM Ausmus suggested putting the dance studio information in the newsletter.

**E. ANN GROOT VARIANCE REQUEST:** The council would like to review the information for Ann's variance request at the soonest meeting where the information can be presented more clearly. Ann Groot will be contacted.

**F. SALARY DISCUSSION:** The council discussed hiring wages and qualifications for the latest public works employee. There was additional discussion re: certification wage increases.

**G. JUB PAYMENT REQUEST:** CM Hale moved to approve the JUB payment request for \$2,159.50. CM Currier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz reported the union will be here June 14<sup>th</sup> for a special meeting to introduce the preliminary employee contract. The mayor reported that Jeff Latkowski and Ashley Coyle are working out great as employees.

**B. STAFF REPORT:** None.

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS:** CM Hale reported there will be a pre-construction meeting June 25<sup>TH</sup> for Willard Field repaving at 1:00 P.M. in the council chambers. CM Martin reported he had spoken with Steven Thomas about putting up the remainder of the interpretive sign cases. He would like to make a video of the museum for advertisement. CM Ausmus reported the great features of the pool being open. She would like to see the containers on Crosby and Warren Streets come into compliance. CM Ausmus also addressed rumors about the golf course and that the city is not planning to sell it.

- X. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS:** CM Ausmus moved to approve EFT payroll and checks 17846-17863 in the amount of \$68,901.36 and EFT payroll and checks 17864-17897 in the amount of \$46,753.63. CM Jaeger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** CM Ausmus moved to adjourn. CM Hale seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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Roy Schulz - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Eliza Evans-Teague- Clerk/Treasurer