

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For February 5, 2018

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John Jaeger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were Jaeger, Jason Fletcher, John Giudice, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, Carol Sturman, Dave Tysz and Troy Wilson. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. Audience attendees were Keith Andersson, Mike Bogenreif, Fletcher Family, Debbie Groom, Bill Harp, Alyssa Heagy, Joel Kimball, Matt Morkert, Robert Olson and Threasa Raines.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Jaeger asked those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:** Mike Bogenreif, Code Enforcement Officer, received a complaint concerning a trailer on the trail. He talked to the people working on it, and they said they are not staying in it. He also received a complaint about someone living in the back of a pickup in a yard. When he went to talk to them, it was already gone. He discussed a house on Park Street where there is no water. John Giudice asked about Stoneham's and Diane Galler's property. We will get information, so we know what can be done with their property.

Alyssa Heagy, Neighborhood Watch, said they have had a good month. The pink Victorian will be the February yard of the month. There was a suspicious car downtown and they reported it.

Matt Morkert talked about the CDBG sewer line replacement project. There are three areas where they are replacing sewer line. He showed the plans they have concerning the project. There was discussion about easements we are trying to get. Joel Kimball is concerned because the sewer line goes through the middle of his property. Matt Morkert will look at changing the sewer line so it goes between his property the neighbor's property.

Matt Morkert said TIB doesn't want to pay to pave parking areas, so if we do the Crosby/Park Street project, TIB would only pay for the travel lanes. There was discussion.

Matt Morkert said there is a grant for up to \$43,000 from the Secretary of State that would develop a GIS system. After discussion, Troy Wilson made a motion to apply to the Secretary of State for up to \$43,000 to develop a GIS system. John Giudice seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

Matt Morkert talked to Land Tech, a licensed surveyor, about the cost to put monuments in Tekoa. He said the cost would be \$13,000. He will bring more information to the February 26, 2018, meeting.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were none.

V. CORRESPONDENCE: There was none.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. COMMUNITY CENTER: Mayor Jaeger said Duane Groom and Kevin Turnbough have been able to spend time working at the community center, since there hasn't been snow.

B. SLIPPERY GULCH - PROPOSAL FOR GAMING COMMISSION: We are working with the gaming commission to see if there can be a raffle for Slippery Gulch. Mayor Jaeger said the revenue has to be used for community activities or tourism. He said he plans to meet with Mike Fitzpatrick from the gaming commission to get more information. Wendy Sienknecht and Jason Fletcher said they are not ok with this. Wendy Sienknecht is proposing the Slippery Gulch committee apply to the Secretary of State so they will be legal for next year. There was discussion. Carol Sturman made a motion for John Jaeger to get information to see if it can be negotiated so Slippery Gulch can have a raffle this year. Dave Tysz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes, except Wendy Sienknecht and Jason Fletcher voted no.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SIDEWALKS/TREES - AWC LOSS CONTROL GRANT: Mayor Jaeger said we are proposing sidewalk repair and possible tree removal on the sidewalk near Roy Schulz's house where someone tripped. We will get prices and report back to the council.

B. CHIP SEAL PROJECT: Mayor Jaeger reported Whitman County might not have time in their schedule to chip seal for us this summer. We are going to have the Whitman County road manager come and look at what we are proposing before they will make a decision.

C. SEWER RATE: Information was given to the council about sewer rates for other cities in Washington state. Our rates would need to go up in order to pay the loan back for the sewer line and sewer plant replacement project. There was discussion.

D. JOHN WAYNE TRAIL: A state park representative met with the mayor, and they would like a community meeting to discuss what they would like to do with the trestle.

VIII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Jaeger gave the council a letter to review that he would like to send to the fair association members. There was discussion.

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Browning didn't have a report.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: There was none.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVE JANUARY 22, 2018, MEETING MINUTES: Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Carol Sturman seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Roy Schulz made a motion to approve payroll checks 13269 through 13278 and EFT payroll checks totaling \$17,898.23 and check numbers 13279 through 13301 and EFT checks for \$55,992.18 as presented. Carol Sturman seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Carol Sturman seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

APPROVED:

John Jaeger – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kynda Browning – Clerk/Treasurer