

City of Tekoa
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For February 26, 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, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, Carol Sturman, and Troy Wilson. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. Audience attendees were Keith Andersson, Fletcher Family, Diane Harp, Melinda Wilkins, Jennifer French, Mary Marsh, Threasa Raines and others who did not sign in.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Jaeger asked those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:** Diane Harp talked about “Think Before You Drink,” something they are talking about with Health Tekoa Coalition.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** There were none.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE:** There was none.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. DIANE GALLER/STONEHAM PROPERTY:** Mayor Jaeger said he is in contact with Diane Galler about her property and talked about the Stoneham property and possibly having the city help clean it up. He will keep working on it.
- B. SLIPPERY GULCH - PROPOSAL FOR GAMBLING COMMISSION:** Mayor Jaeger gave the council a proposal for the gambling commission after he met with the gambling commission director. He also thanked the Slippery Gulch volunteers for the time they spend organizing and running it every year. Carol Sturman made a motion to approve his proposal for the gambling commission. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes. There was discussion between Wendy Sienknecht and Mary Marsh. The raffle will be run through the city, but the Slippery Gulch will have their own accounts. Troy Wilson said it sounds good to him. Mayor Jaeger asked for the vote. All council members voted yes.
- C. AWC LOSS CONTROL GRANT:** It was explained AWC has a loss control grant available for up to \$5000. We received a bid for tree removal for \$2,000.00 on the Leslie Street sidewalk and would like to get as much of the sidewalk replaced for the other \$3,000.00. Troy Wilson made a motion to apply for the AWC loss control grant for \$5000.00 to remove the trees and replace a portion of the sidewalk. Carol Sturman seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.
- D. CHIP SEAL PROJECT:** Mayor Jaeger said the county is not available to do chip sealing for the city this summer. He said we might not have to run a levy next year.

The council asked if Spokane County can come to Tekoa to do chip sealing or get a bid from a private contractor. Troy Wilson stated he would contact Whitman County Road Department. There was discussion.

E. SEWER RATE: Mayor Jaeger is proposing we raise the sewer \$2.00 per year until we have enough saved for the updates to the sewer plant. Carol Sturman said we don't have a choice; we have to update our sewer system. She doesn't know how we can do the required upgrades without increasing the sewer rates. Wendy Sienknecht asked if we will leave the increase in sewer rate money in the sewer reserves. Mayor Jaeger said we have the reserve money set aside, unless the council votes to spend it. The council would like to wait until next meeting to act on it.

F. KEITH ANDERSSON BUILDING: The information from the appeals committee hearing was given out, and we added the dates for the 30-60-90 day timeline.

G. ARENA: Mayor Jaeger said he hasn't sent the letter out to the arena members. Wendy Sienknecht gave Mayor Jaeger a list of members she got from Lou St. John. Diane Harp will look it over.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. INVESTMENTS AND STATE INVESTMENT POOL: Browning explained we are making .01 to .02% on our investments in CD's. We are making 1.5% in the state investment pool. She asked the council for permission to cancel our CD's and put the money into the state investment pool. Roy Schulz made a motion to move the money from the CD's to the state investment pool. Jason Fletcher seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

B. BOWLING ALLEY: Mayor Jaeger reported Steve Green would like to give the city his half interest in the bowling alley. Mayor Jaeger said that building is in ill repair. He said he would try to get .09 money to repair the roof. Wendy Sienknecht would like to tear it down. Jason Fletcher said he would like to know what the other brother would say and he is concerned about the legal fees, etc.

C. SURVEYING: Matt Morkert has not received information from the surveyors on the cost to survey for individuals.

D. LONG AND SHORT RANGE GOALS: Mayor Jaeger presented proposed long-and-short range goals for the city. Wendy Sienknecht asked what the city would like to do with the railroad property. Mayor Jaeger said the railroad wanted \$90,000 for the 40 acres. There was discussion. Troy Wilson made a motion to approve the goals as presented. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

E. UPDATED ORDINANCE FOR STREET/ALLEY VACATIONS FOR SCHOOL: The surveyor found two descriptions that were incorrect, so we are presenting an updated ordinance to vacate the streets and alleys for the football field. Wendy Sienknecht made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 843 as presented. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

VIII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Jaeger did not have a report.

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

C. COUNCIL REPORTS: Wendy Sienknecht asked about people paying for water for vacant lots. She asked if we can work on it in the future.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Diane Harp said she attended a class on leadership that is put on by Avista. She said they are looking for more people to be involved and has information if anyone is interested.

The council does not want to have a meeting on March 5, 2018. The next meeting will be March 19, 2018.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVE FEBRUARY 5, 2018, MEETING MINUTES: Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Troy Wilson seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Roy Schulz made a motion to approve EFT payroll checks totaling \$5,755.23 and check numbers 13302 through 13316 for \$17,648.12 as presented. Troy Wilson seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Troy Wilson seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

APPROVED:

John Jaeger – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kynda Browning – Clerk/Treasurer