

# *City of Tekoa*

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

*For July 16, 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, and Dave Tysz. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. Audience attendees were the Fletcher Family, Diane Harp, Alyssa Heagy, Fran Martin and Rob Rembert.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Jaeger asked those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:**  
~Alyssa Heagy was in attendance to give a report on the Neighborhood Watch.  
~Rob Rembert was in attendance to talk about running for Whitman County District Court Judge.  
~Diane Harp was in attendance to talk about Healthy Tekoa Coalition.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** There were none.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE:** There was none.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. DIANE GALLER PROPERTY/BLASAK BUILDING:** Mayor Jaeger announced he is sending Diane Galler a letter about cleaning up her property. He is giving her until the end of the month to reply. He also told the council the attorney will be sending a letter to Ted Blaszak about his building next to the railroad right-of-way.
- B. KEITH ANDERSSON BUILDING:** A letter was sent to Mr. Andersson concerning his building on the corner of Main and Crosby. The attorney will attend the meeting next month, so he can advise the council of their options if the deadline to clean up the building is not met.
- C. ROBERT DROLLINGER PROPERTY:** He was not in attendance.
- D. JOHN GIUDICE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:** His plans have changed, so he does not need to request a conditional use permit.
- E. BOWLING ALLEY BUILDING:** Mayor Jaeger told the council the brothers who own the bowling alley would like to give it to the city, so he is asking the attorney to write letters to the brothers concerning giving it to the city. Wendy Sienknecht said she does not want us to fix it up. If the council does not want to do it, the mayor would like them to let him know. They said the only way they would like to do it, is if it is torn down. Jason Fletcher said he doesn't want to have to spend the money on it. There was

discussion. Wendy Sienknecht made a motion that she does not want to see us invest in the building or get another .09 grant. John Giudice seconded the motion; Dave Tysz said there might be someone in the community that might want it. Roy Schulz said someone might want it for a business. There was discussion between the council members. Mayor Jaeger said the only way we could tear it down is to have the brothers do it, if we don't own it. There was a roll call vote. Jason Fletcher and Wendy Sienknecht voted yes. Dave Tysz and Roy Schulz voted no. John Giudice abstained from voting. Mayor Jaeger voted to break the tie. He voted no. The motion did not pass.

There was discussion about the road needing repair in front of Latkowski's. Mayor Jaeger said we will fix it this summer.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. PIGEONS/CATS:** Mayor Jaeger said Dave Tysz is working on getting rid of the pigeons. He also said we purchased two cat traps if someone wants to borrow them. We will keep the cats for two days if we catch them, so if they are someone's pets he/she can get them; otherwise they will go to a farm.

**B. OILING GRAVEL ROADS:** Mayor Jaeger said they oiled the north part of town. They are waiting for more Mag to finish the other side of town. Wendy Sienknecht asked if we have a contract. Browning said we don't. Wendy Sienknecht said we should have a contract with the surveyor. The city's survey will be \$6000.00. Wendy Sienknecht asked what will happen if we have a conflict with the contractor.

**C. GRASS DUMP ACROSS FROM CITY HALL:** Mayor Jaeger said some people are questioning if dumping the grass at our burn pile is causing more of a problem than a help. There was discussion about purchasing a cultivator to spread the grass out.

**D. HAY TRUCKS AND OUR STOP SIGN ON CROSBY/MAIN:** Mayor Jaeger called the sheriff's office about the hay trucks not stopping at the stop sign on Crosby and Main. He said several trucks were stopped and were warned.

**E. SIDEWALK REMOVAL FOR AWC LOSS CONTROL GRANT:** Mayor Jaeger said our guys will put the sidewalk in for the AWC Loss Control Grant.

**F. APPROVE TIB GRANT:** There was discussion about the amount of matching money we want to put towards the TIB grant for Crosby Street and Park Road. Jason Fletcher made a motion to put a 3% match (\$19,800) towards the grant from the street levy money. Dave Tysz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes, except Wendy Sienknecht voted no.

Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the TIB grant application for Crosby Street from Main Street to Park Road and for Park Road from Crosby Street to Howard Street for \$659,600. John Giudice seconded the motion; all council members voted yes, except Wendy Sienknecht voted no.

**G. APPROVE SUMMER HELP:** Mayor Jaeger asked the council to approve Garrett Prince working for the city with the guys this summer and Kolbey Browning to work in the office in the afternoons to help while Tara Chittenden is on vacation for three weeks, each of them to be paid \$11.50 an hour. Wendy Sienknecht asked about us advertising for help. Browning explained we posted the maintenance position in the newsletter and at the post office, and Garrett Prince was the only one who applied for the position. John Giudice made a motion to hire Garrett Prince for the summer and Kolbey Browning for three weeks. Jason Fletcher seconded the motion; all council members voted yes, except Wendy Sienknecht abstained from voting.

## **VIII. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Jaeger asked if we want to keep spraying for mosquitoes. The council would like to have Duane Groom fog for a couple more weeks.

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

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS:** John Giudice said the surveyor is in town and started the survey.

**D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Diane Harp thanked the council for the ashtrays around town.

There was discussion about the porta-potties.

John Giudice asked about the post for the speed sign. Mayor Jaeger will talk to the guys to get it put up.

Wendy Sienknecht is worried about the library wall and wondered when it will be fixed. It is on the 2018/2019 list for improvements. She read the letter from Justin Cook. Mayor Jaeger will look at it and talk to Justin Cook.

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. June 18, 2018, MEETING MINUTES:** Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the June 18, 2018, minutes as presented. Dave Tysz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** Roy Schulz made a motion to approve payroll checks 13520 through 13534 and 13547 through 13549 including voided check number 13493 and EFT payroll checks totaling \$29,012.90 and check numbers 13535 through 13546 and 13550 through 13566 and EFT checks for \$41,813.26 as presented. Dave Tysz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Dave Tysz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**APPROVED:**

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John Jaeger – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kynda Browning – Clerk/Treasurer