

***City of Tekoa***  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*For September 17, 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, Roy Schulz, Wendy Sienknecht, Carol Sturman, Dave Tysz, and Troy Wilson. Clerk/Treasurer Kynda Browning was also in attendance. Audience attendees who signed in were Keith Andersson, Debbie Hall, Diane Harp, and Fran and Pete Martin.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Jaeger asked those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:**
- Diane Harp talked about the Healthy Tekoa Coalition.
- Debbie Hall was in attendance and talked about the Neighborhood Watch Program.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Steve Haxton was in attendance to talk about his sewer system and possibly replacing part of the line in his yard. Mayor Jaeger said he will talk to the maintenance crew to get additional information. There was discussion.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE:** There was none.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. DIANE GALLER PROPERTY:** Mayor Jaeger talked to Diane Galler about her property. She doesn't have the finances to remove the burned building from the property. If we got the building knocked down, she would make payments to pay back having the work done. Dave Tysz said at one time they talked about putting money aside to do projects like this. There was discussion about Kelly Rambo knocking the building down. Mayor Jaeger asked the council to consider a budget to get the building knocked down. Mayor Jaeger said we would have to get an agreement with Diane Galler to approve the work being done and an agreement for her to pay back the city. Dave Tysz made a motion to add \$2000 to the repair and demolition building line item. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.
- B. BUILDING ON CORNER OF MAIN AND CROSBY (Oakland Building):** We received a letter from Eric and Wendy Bretz asking us to consider extending the timeline to do the required improvements on the corner of Main and Crosby. Dave Tysz is recommending we let them have 90 days to get the top floor off the building. Carol Sturman asked if we can take the fence down. We own the fence, so it was suggested we rent it to Eric and Wendy Bretz. Mayor Jaeger will talk to them about the fence. Dave Tysz made a motion to extend it 90 days for Eric and Wendy Bretz and reassess their

progress, and the court proceedings will be on hold for 90 days from today. Roy Schulz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

Wendy Sienknecht asked about the back wall of the library. Mayor Jaeger said he would rather wait until next spring, and have the maintenance crew do something about it. There was discussion.

There was discussion about potholes that need to be fixed and water in Bunny Lawhead's basement.

Wendy Sienknecht asked for clarification on the AWC Loss Control Grant.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 6 - PROPERTIES:** Fran Martin said she talked to the Department of Transportation about the gymkana grounds. DOT said the park district would need an agreement with them to lease it for \$350.00 per year. There was discussion. She also discussed getting the properties between the park and city straightened out. Mayor Jaeger said we will have this taken care of by the first of the year.

**B. THEATRE LIABILITY INSURANCE:** Mayor Jaeger said there is a concern about the city paying the liability insurance on the theatre. Carol Sturman made a motion to pay liability insurance on all properties owned by the city, including the theatre. Wendy Sienknecht said we need to have the theatre pay the liability insurance. She is proposing they have Eric Hanson and several other people look at this and figure it out and said they should have to pay it. She also said this is not what the original agreement said; we can't just change it. There was discussion. Dave Tysz seconded the motion; there was discussion. Troy Wilson said the building belongs to us, and we should pay for the liability insurance. Mayor Jaeger called for the question. All council members voted yes, except Wendy Sienknecht voted no.

Matt Morkert sent a project status report for the sewer I and I project and a pay request for \$133,794.15. Roy Schulz made a motion to approve paying \$133,794.15 as presented. Carol Sturman seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes. Wendy Sienknecht voted no.

## **VIII. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Jaeger said he will ask Mike Bogenreif to start working on cars that have been parked for a long time.

Wendy Sienknecht talked about getting the other properties cleaned up, suggesting that the process of sending out letters be changed. She wants Mike Bogenreif to talk to the people, and if that doesn't work, then we can send out a warning letter.

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

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS:** Wendy Sienknecht asked about fixing the library wall. Mayor Jaeger said we will have to get a bid on it and see what it looks like.

**D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Diane Harp said the houseboat is still near her property, and she would like someone to do something about it. There was discussion.

Wendy Sienknecht asked Mayor Jaeger what we are doing about the Stoneham property. Jaeger said he wrote him a letter.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. MEETING MINUTES:** Roy Schulz made a motion to approve the August 27, 2018, minutes as presented. Carol Sturman seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** Roy Schulz made a motion to pay payroll warrants 13596, 13597 and 13616 through 13627 and EFT payroll warrants in the amount of \$31,666.13; warrant number 13628 through 13670 and EFT warrants in the amount of \$62,999.13 as presented. Carol Sturman seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Roy Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Carol Sturman 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