

**City of Tekoa**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*Monday – June 3, 2024 6 P.M.*  
**Tekoa City Hall**

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Mayor Schulz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Councilmembers\* in attendance were Mike Hale, Margie Jaeger, Pete Martin, Mandi Prince and Lydia Fletcher. Also in attendance were Eric Hanson and Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague.

\*In the following paragraphs, Councilmember(s) will be abbreviated as “C.”

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Mayor Schulz led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. AGENDA:** C. Ausmus added NEW COUNCIL MEMBER PROCESSES.
- IV. MAY 20, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** C. Fletcher moved to accept the May 20, 2024, council meeting minutes. C. Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** The audience commented on transportation plans, fireworks, mosquito spraying and proposed carts for Tekoa Community Center chairs and tables.
- A. COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:** C. Ausmus commented on the Whitman County Library summer reading schedule.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. UNFIT DWELLING COMMITTEE:** Brad Chandler reported on the progress of the committee, noting that all unfit dwellings will be addressed, not only the Keegan Bldg. C. Ausmus clarified that not all unfit dwellings have to be addressed.
- B. CARGO CONTAINERS:** C. Ausmus drew attention to the way other cities are dealing with cargo containers and possible ways to craft an ordinance dealing with their regulation. She read a statement. C. Ausmus moved to create a committee. She would also like to hold a community forum during the regular council meeting on July 15, 2024. C. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. KARA RIEBOLD-PORT OF WHITMAN-TEKOA PROPERTY UPDATE:** Kara Riebold let the city know they have a tenant, Hefty Seed, as their first tenant at the Tekoa Industrial Park. She also requested input and spoke about the project which is approximately 60% in the planning progress. There was discussion.
- B. SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN HEARING:** The hearing was opened with Public Works Supervisor Steven Thomas speaking about the proposed projects. Paving from

Washington St. to Ramsey St. and the extension toward Crosby St. will be worked on in July. There was discussion about the six-year transportation goal list. C. Hale moved to approve the plan and low bid and complete the first project on the transportation plan, including moving \$30K. There was discussion. C. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. **TINY HOMES:** Mayor Schulz spoke about the tiny home community going into Rosalia. There was discussion.
- D. **TRANSFER OF DAVID MOORE HANGAR GROUND LEASE TO LEON & MARY TROYER:** Clerk/Treasurer Evans-Teague explained the purchase of the Moore hangar by Leon and Mary Troyer. There was discussion. C. Hale moved to approve the transfer of the lease from David Moore to the Troyers. C. Ausmus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. **FEE SCHEDULE 99-24.1:** Clerk/Treasurer Evans-Teague explained the fees that need to be added to the schedule. There was discussion. C. Hale moved to set niche opening at \$20 each for opening and closing. There was discussion. Issue will be revisited. Motion dies for lack of second.
- F. **SAO ANNUAL REPORT ACCEPTANCE:** Clerk/Treasurer explained some of the annual report and answered questions. C. Tysz moved to accept the SAO report. C. Hale seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. **NEW COUNCIL MEMBER PROCESSES:** C. Ausmus passed a memo for clarity and new suggestions for appointing new council members for the council to look over to vote at the next meeting.
- H. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Schulz called Executive Session until 7:54 P.M. Executive Session was extended 10 min. to 8:04 P.M. Mayor Schulz adjourned executive session at 8:04 P.M.

## **IX. REPORTS:**

- A. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** Spraying for mosquitoes is scheduled as weather permits. John Wayne Riders and bicyclists, etc. have been coming through the town. He has hired Gage Smith for summer help and has hired Jeff Latkowski for approximately 2 weeks for Slippery Gulch prep.
- B. **STAFF REPORT:** Clerk Evans-Teague reported the Treasury Bond reaching maturation rolled over at 4.6% for three years.
- C. **COUNCIL REPORTS:** C. Tysz asked about the check register. C. Martin spoke about John Wayne Trail Riders, who will come back longer next year. C. Martin asked about .09 invoicing from the sign company. Clerk Evans-Teague has not seen any, yet. C. Hale reported that bid - opening for new airport project is next Monday and reported on his airport presentation at the Port of Whitman. C. Tysz asked if the wood by the footbridge can be cleaned up. C. Fletcher reported on the ambulance through a written statement. The ambulance barn is still in need of EMTs. C. Ausmus asked if a cover can be placed over the EV charging station and inquired

about the pile of dirt by the burn pile. It was clarified that there is a public works plan for the dirt. Residents should not add to or take from the dirt pile. C. Ausmus asked that the current fireworks code be posted on the front of the website and in the newsletter. C. Martin reported that there is still progress toward applying for grants at the golf course.

**D. STAFF REPORT: STEVE HAXTON RE: TINY HOUSES:** Steve Haxton reported his research on tiny houses. He would recommend that they be set, and not on wheels, and that setbacks should be observed. He suggested one tiny house per lot. In his opinion, this has potential to create issues with alley-access garages. There was discussion. Steve will bring a list of written recommendations to the council. Steve reported on current projects in the city.

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**XI. PAY THE BILLS:** C. Ausmus moved to pay EFT payroll and checks 17131-17151 in the amount of \$310,050.77 and EFT payroll and checks 17152-17183 in the amount of \$53,376.20. C. Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** C. Hale moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Prince seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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Roy Schulz - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer