

**City of Tekoa**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
***Monday – June 17, 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, Dave Tysz and Shelly Ausmus. 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. AWC-RMSA TRAINING: ETHICS & CODE OF CONDUCT:** Jennifer Robertson conducted a council training on ethics and council rules/code of conduct guidelines. There were questions and discussion.
- IV. AGENDA:** No changes.
- V. JUNE 3, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** C. Hale moved to accept the June 3, 2024, council meeting minutes. C. Ausmus would like “during the council meeting” to be added to § VII, item “B”. C. Ausmus seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- VI. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** There were comments from the audience re: fireworks enforcement during July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and comments, order of importance of the transportation plan, council member participation on the transportation committee, gravelling N. Lake St. and putting a dead-end sign on N. Lake St.
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. UNFIT DWELLING COMMITTEE:** C. Tysz reported the letter for Denise Keegan will be rewritten and go out, as well as a letter to Otto Tanner.
- B. CARGO CONTAINERS:** C. Ausmus reported there is a cargo container committee with the first meeting on June 27, 6 P.M., with public comment invited. There was extended discussion with the attorney weighing in. There was discussion about enforcement of the container moratorium as well as fireworks enforcement.
- C. TINY HOMES:** C. Hale brought some diagrams and information about the tiny home project in Rosalia and commented on how it will be built. There was discussion.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. JUB: AIRPORT RUNWAY REHAB BID APPROVAL & PAYMENT**

**APPROVAL:** Tim Ike from JUB updated the city on the airport project. The rebid for the runway rehab project came in higher than the previous bids. JUB is actively trying to get an answer from the state re: higher funding levels. C. Hale moved to approve the low bid with Selland Construction based on funding approval from the state. C. Ausmus seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously. C. Tysz moved to pay the invoice 173792 for \$6,756.80 for the runway rehab planning. C. Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **B. CENTURY WEST: INFLUENT LIFT STATION PAYMENT APPROVAL:**

Matt Morkert updated the council on the completed work at the Influent Lift Station and explained the close-out period for the project. There was discussion. C. Tysz moved to pay DW Excavating's final payment request. C. Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion. C. Hale moved to accept the lift station project as complete. C. Tysz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **C. CENTURY WEST: TIB SCRUB SEAL AWARD:**

Matt Morkert updated the council on the status of the scrub-seal project. The lowest bidder was Arrow Construction and the TIB award is for \$156,523. There was discussion. C. Hale moved to accept the bid. C. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was a supplemental engineering agreement that will be discussed next meeting.

### **D. CENTURY WEST: DISCUSSION OF SIDEWALK AND TIB PROJECTS:**

Matt Morkert explained the application for a sidewalk alongside N Hwy 27 heading east. Notifications will likely happen around July of 2025. He also let the council know about TIB chip seal/scrub seal applications for next year. He explained possible funding programs that help gravel streets, too.

### **E. DYLAN BARKER & ALEX OVERTON- VARIANCE REQUEST:**

Dylan Barker and Alex Overton requested to move into a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel for more than six months, possibly until next fall, while working on their home. They also requested a sewer variance to extend deadlines for connecting. C. Tysz moved to allow them to live in the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel for an additional six months. C. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. C. Ausmus moved to allow Dylan Barker and Alex Overton to postpone sewer hook-ups for a year to be revisited next June (2025) while they use their portable sewer tank. C. Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **F. RESOLUTION 24-02: SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN:**

C. Ausmus mentioned that the 2023 plan was approved and the Roosevelt St. around the corner to Crosby St. by Ruhl Park was discussed. There was discussion C. Tysz moved to

pass the transportation plan with substituting #2 on the plan for improving Crosby St. from Alder to Roosevelt and around Ruhl Park on Roosevelt St. C. Ausmus seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**G. REVIEW OF ESTABLISHED POLICY AND PROCEDURE:** This review will happen with the next meeting's discussion of council policy with Jennifer Robertson.

**X. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz discussed alley improvement. He wanted to suggest a policy that if the adjacent property owners purchased the gravel, the city could spread it. He would like to have some input from the council. It will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**B. STAFF REPORT:** None.

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS:** C. Ausmus asked about the concrete pile and the plans for that. There was discussion about the plans for improving the area. C. Martin asked about burning. C. Hale is fielding many hangar requests and would like to include the salary committee on the next meeting agenda. C. Tysz asked about possibly taking over the transportation position on the council.

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** There were comments appreciating keeping the citizenry represented, how well public works performed in making the city look good for Slippery Gulch, and the parameters on a moratorium re: containers with input from the attorney. There was discussion.

**XII. PAY THE BILLS:** C. Ausmus moved to pay EFT payroll and checks 17184-17205 in the amount of \$103,060.87 and EFT payroll and checks 17206-17237 in the amount of \$43111.04. C. Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** C. Ausmus moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schulz adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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Roy Schulz - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer