

# City of Tekoa

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*Monday, October 3, 2022*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Roy Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Council members present at the meeting were Dave Tysz, Shelly Ausmus, Mike Hale, B.J. Sperber and Pete Martin. Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague was present, as well as additional attendees:, Jennifer Olson, Joni Hay-Smith, and Lydia Fletcher.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Schulz led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
  - A. **Joni Hay:** Joni recently purchased the mobile home park. She asked the council to review their RV Park ordinances. Pete Martin moved to keep the grandfather status until the ordinance can be reviewed within 60 days, preferably by the next council meeting. Mike Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Eliza Evans-Teague will send a new bill for September.
  - B. **COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES:**
    - i. **Jennifer Olson:** reported that the bonfire for homecoming will have a clean-up crew. She also reported that Healthy Tekoa Coalition needs more people to fill out community surveys.
- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - A. **Stanfield Proposal:** The Stanfields have bought the old Dorsey Chevrolet parking lot and are offering it for lease to the city or school first. The council would like Eliza Evans-Teague to ask them additional questions for consideration and get back to them.
  - B. **Virginia Heaton letter:** Virginia Heaton wrote a letter thanking whoever was responsible for the efforts in enforcing the yard abatement ordinance. She said it is really making a difference in how the town looks and how well people can traverse the city on foot.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **JUNK VEHICLE NUISANCE ORDINANCE:** Please see TITLE VIII discussion.
  - B. **CEMETERY ORDINANCE DISCUSSION:** Angie Rambo is not in attendance due to coaching commitment. She communicated that she, Mary LaSalle and Kathy Haxton would be working on recommendations for the October 17, 2022, meeting.
  - C. **DENISE KEEGAN BUILDING UPDATE:** Mayor Schulz updated the council on the process for pursuing the remediation or condemnation of the building. The third

person has been found for the exploratory committee. They will look into this in the near future.

**D. BURN PILE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Dave Tysz commented about the seasonal requirements of the burn times and new condition that the local fire chief can refuse burning. B.J. Sperber looked into chipping. The companies he called had no employees to even be able to rent or hire one for a day or two. There was discussion about the different needs to run the pile well.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. FOOTBRIDGE:** The council discussed what is needed for the maintenance of the footbridge. B.J. Sperber moved to replace the decking and shore up the railing. Shelly Ausmus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Until the bridge can be maintained, the city will put up notices and/or caution tape.
- B. TITLE VIII: NUISANCE ORDINANCES:** The council went through TITLE VIII of the city code to make recommendations, and Eliza Evans-Teague will compile recommendations into a new chapter for review for the next council meeting on October 17, 2022.

**VII. REPORTS:**

- A. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schulz asked Eliza Evans-Teague to update the council on the upcoming wage rules for salaried positions. Eliza let the council know how the Labor & Industries requirements will affect the city in the next few years.
- B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** The .09 grant activities continue to be in progress with the public restrooms almost ready for the outside concrete stain. Some library bids for the .09 grant are still in progress. The Preliminary Budget Hearing will be November 7, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

**C. COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Shelly Ausmus announced the Turkey Trot at the Trestle is happening Thanksgiving morning as a fundraiser for the library. It is sponsored by the library. She also mentioned the Chamber is working on Small Business Saturday; "Winter Wonderland" is the theme. There will be a light display at the Gymkana Grounds the week before Thanksgiving through January 1, 2023.

Mike Hale asked about whether the airport stamp had arrived yet.

Pete Martin had a meeting with the Trestle/State Parks Commission. The presentation went well and there are some provisions the parks would be willing to provide if staff could be found. The Martins are going to re-open the trail through their property down to the football field, since there are Good Samaritan laws in place now. Pete fielded some questions about the trestle and lighting.

Dave Tysz: none.

**B.J. Sperber asked questions about the electric car charging station.**

**Mary LaSalle has a daughter doing a senior project this year. She is looking to replace the chairs, tables and umbrellas at the swimming pool.**

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

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**D. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Pete Martin moved to accept the minutes from September 19, 2022. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**E. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Pete Martin moved to pay EFT payroll checks and check numbers 16142-16197 in the amount of \$87,496.23. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The council passed the motion unanimously.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT: Pete Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Schulz closed the meeting at 9:45 P.M.**

**APPROVED:**

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Roy Schulz - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer