

City of Tekoa

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 6, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Roy Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Council members present at the meeting were Mike Hale, Pete Martin, Dave Tysz, B.J. Sperber and Clerk/Treasurer Eliza Evans-Teague. Additional attendees were Mike Bogenreif, Matt Morkert, Debbie Hall and Lydia Fletcher.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Roy Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
 - A. **Debbie Hall:** asked about having more electric speed limit signs coming into town. Matt Morkert said we could possibly apply through AWC or through various grant applications for additional signs. He will follow up with that and Eliza Evans-Teague will follow up with the maintenance staff to see if we have any more at the shop.
 - B. **Mike Bogenreif:** Mike reported that dog complaints are most prevalent. A variety of issues related to the New Palouse to Cascades State Park were discussed. Pete Martin will follow up with the state about these issues. Mike also reported that the parade route for Slippery Gulch needs to be vacated the evening of June 17. Finally, he mentioned that the Stoneham process would have to start over if the city wished to do anything to reinforce the ordinance re: keeping up the property.
- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **MATT MORKERT-CENTURY WEST, BID OUTCOMES-LIFT STATION & MAIN STREET SIDEWALK PROJECTS:** Bids were opened for the Main Street Sidewalk Project and the Lift Station for the sewer plant. Matt Morkert reported that DOE can cover the additional funds needed for the Lift Station Project and TIB can cover additional grant funds for the Main Street Sidewalk Project.

Matt recommended awarding the projects contingent on additional funding from the DOE. Pete Martin made a motion to accept the bid contingent on DOE funding. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dave Tysz moved to petition DOE for the additional needed funds. Pete Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Matt Morkert reviewed the Main Street Sidewalk Project. He recommended awarding the base bid, fully covered by TIB, and gravelling the adjacent parking spaces. Dave Tysz

moved to accept the Main Street Sidewalk Project, base bid only. Pete Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Finally, Matt mentioned that the Safe Sidewalk Project was submitted today. The city will not find out if our project is accepted until December of this year.

Matt and the council discussed some asphalt issues and recommendations.

B. SURPLUS LOTS 7 & 8 OF HUFFMAN'S ADDITION: BJ Sperber moved to surplus Lots 7 & 8 of the Huffman's 2nd Addition. Dave Tysz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. REVIEW LEASES FOR WIFIBER (CASCADE COMPUTING) & EMPIRE THEATRE: The council discussed the WiFiber lease. Mike Hale will research the current market rental rates and talk it over with the WiFiber owner, Marcus Munn, and come back with a proposal for the city.

Mike Hale moved to extend the Empire Theatre lease at \$1 per 5-year lease term. B.J. Sperber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. FENCING AT CROSBY LOCATION/KEVIN TURNBOUGH: The fencing at the Crosby and Main St. location was discussed. The council would like to see what these types of fences rent for and have a chance to discuss this with the Turnboughs, who own that location. Eliza Evans-Teague will research market rates for rental.

E. WATER/SEWER ORDINANCE RE: REQUIRED USE OF SERVICES AMENDMENTS: Ordinances do not presently require water service. B.J. Sperber moved that the city require water service inside city limits, effective immediately. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Eliza Evans-Teague will send the water and sewer ordinances to the council for review.

F. MOVE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, TO SEPTEMBER 19, 2022. The council agreed to move the meeting from September 12 to September 19, 2022.

G. KATHY FLOCK LATE FEE FORGIVENESS REQUEST: The council discussed the issue and decided that the state guidelines are clear, and the late fee will stand.

H. OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR SURPLUSSED ITEMS: The following items received bids. They are listed with the highest bid amount and the winning bidder:

317 John Deere lawn tractor: \$300, Dave Tysz.

317 John Deere lawn tractor front broom: \$20, Les Cummings

3 place stainless steel standing sink, \$160, Dugger Farms.

Eliza Evans-Teague will inform the winning bidders this week.

VII. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT:

B. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: None.

C. COUNCIL REPORTS:

B.J. Sperber: reported that he would like to see a speed limit sign on 27 coming in from the north.

Pete Martin: reported that approximately 150 people showed up for the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trestle Grand Opening. There was discussion about an interlocal agreement involving the City of Tekoa, Tekoa Chamber of Commerce and the State Parks Department to encourage business and maintain the trailhead.

Dave Tysz: reported on the burn pile.

Mike Hale: reported that a prowler was found at their house over Memorial Day weekend.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. MAY 16, 2022, MEETING MINUTES: B.J. Sperber moved to accept the minutes from May 16, 2022. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: B.J. Sperber moved to pay EFT payroll checks and check numbers 15941-15981 in the amount of \$49,579.40. Dave Tysz seconded the motion. The council passed the motion unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: B.J. Sperber moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Tysz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Schulz closed the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

APPROVED:

Roy Schulz - Mayor

ATTEST:

Eliza M. Evans-Teague– Clerk/Treasurer