

City of Tea  
Regular Meeting  
March 15, 2010

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Lawler called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. with the following members present: Sidney Munson, Herman Otten, Joe Weis, Brian Fowlds & Chuck Ortmeier. Also present were Finance Officer Dawn Murphy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen, Administrative Assistant/Economic Development Director Jenni White, Utility Superintendent Thad Konrad and City Engineer Jason Kjenstad. Councilmember Nathan Peterson was absent.

**AGENDA. MOTION 10-46. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Weis to approve the March 15, 2010 agenda. All members voted AYE.

**MINUTES. MOTION 10-47. MOTION** by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to approve the March 1, 2010 minutes. All members voted AYE.

**PARKING TICKET.** Roger Anderson was present to dispute a parking ticket he received for parking in a no parking area on Main St. He does not feel the space was clearly marked. It was the consensus of the council that the parking ticket stands.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.** There was a lengthy discussion on the future of the Tea Police Department. Mayor Lawler explained the benefits and the disadvantages of contracting with the Lincoln County Sheriff's department. No decision will be made until more public meetings are held. **MOTION 10-48. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Ortmeier to advertise for the police chief position. All members voted AYE.

**ENGINEERING.** The Highway 111 Project has been advertised and bids will be opened April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Brian St. Project will be bid April 29<sup>th</sup> and construction starting after school is out for the summer.

**POOL MANAGER. MOTION 10-49. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Munson to hire Donna Howes as Pool Manager at \$16.00 per hour.

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT (SRTS).** Kevin reviewed the projects that are proposed for the SRTS grant. The two flashing school zone signs on First St. will be replaced with solar flashers and speed radar; they would like a traffic signal at the intersection of Brian St and Highway 111; and a crossing and connective path from Howling Ridge Development. It will include a push button pedestrian crossing sign that will light up to alert motorist of pedestrians in the crosswalk. The school district will implement different programs to promote walking. The total application is \$175,000. **MOTION 10-50. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Ortmeier to submit the 2010 Safe Routes to School Grant. All members voted AYE.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Kevin and Dawn will be attending the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization course on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>; there is a lot of water behind the community building. Thad will take a look at it and see what options we have to drain it.

**MOTION 10-51. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Weis to go into executive session for personnel at 9:29 p.m. All members voted AYE. The Council came out of executive session at 9:33 p.m.

**MOTION 10-52. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Otten to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. All members voted AYE.

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John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

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