

City of Tea
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2012

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on April 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor John Lawler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Brian Fowlds, Sidney Munson, Chuck Ortmeier, Herman Otten (arrived at 7:02 pm), Joe Weis and Todd Boots. Also present was Finance Officer Dawn Murphy, Administrative Assistant/Economic Development Director Jenni White, Utility Superintendent Thad Konrad, Planning & Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen, City Engineer Jason Kjenstad and Police Chief Brian Ketterhagen.

AGENDA. MOTION 12-51. MOTION by Fowlds, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the April 16 agenda. All members voted AYE.

MINUTES. MOTION 12-52. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to approve the April 2 minutes. All members voted AYE.

SKY BAR TEAPOT DAYS DANCE. At this time member Otten arrived. Justin from the Sky Bar was present requesting to have a band/dance on Saturday, June 16 from 9 pm to 1 am on the north side of the building on 2nd St. The Sky Bar will have extra security on staff and the area fenced in. The council requested him to talk with adjacent land owners and renters regarding the event and any affects it will have on their parking. It was suggested by the council to set up the event on Main St. instead of 2nd St. to have a larger area with more lighting. By having it on Main St., it would close the street to all thru traffic and would be harder to control the crowd with the open area. Justin will look at his setup options and see what would work best.

ENGINEERING. The following bids were opened on April 12, 2012 for the 2012 Overlay Project: Double H Paving \$248,812.95; Asphalt Surfacing Company \$266,591.35; Myrl & Roy's Paving \$272,528.61; Black Top Paving Company \$253,910.25; SealPros, Inc. \$296,375.27; and Krueger Excavating & Paving \$266,035.97. Jason recommended awarding the 2012 Overlay Project bid to the lower bidder, Double H Paving. **MOTION 12-53. MOTION** Fowlds, seconded by Boots to award the 2012 Overlay Project to Double H Paving in the amount of \$248,812.95 and authorize the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign the necessary documents. All members voted AYE.

FINAL PAY REQUEST FOR THE HIGHWAY 111 PROJECT. MOTION 12-54. MOTION by Boots, seconded by Otten to approve Pay Request 27 (final) to Friessen Construction for the Hwy 111 Improvement Project in the amount of \$65,316.86. All members voted AYE.

ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS. Jason obtained prices to install additional street lights on 1st St. and Brian St. at a cost of roughly \$18,726. It was estimated to be a cost of \$2500.00 per year for the electricity bills. Jason will talk with Southeastern Electric to find out if the lights on Brian St. can be installed on the north side of the road instead of the south side using Excel Energy.

RESOLUTION 12-04-02. MOTION 12-55. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to approve the following resolution. Members Ortmeier, Weis, Munson and Fowlds vote AYE.

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Members Otten and Boots voted NO. Motion Carried. WHEREAS, The City of Tea has determined a need to adjust the schedule of fees, charges and expenses for permits, change of zone, appeals, and other matters pertaining to the City of Tea Zoning Ordinance; and, WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.02 of the City of Tea Zoning Ordinance, the City Council has the authority to establish the schedule of fees, charges and expenses for permits, change of zone, appeals, and other matter; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Tea Council the following schedule of fees is hereby adopted. Dated this 16th day of April, 2012. The entire resolution will be published separately.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST: Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

ELECTION CANVASS. City Council members acting as the election canvassing board reviewed the April 10, 2012 poll books and tally sheets showing John Lawler 259 votes and Jo Niles 183 votes for Mayor. Ken Haugen 22 votes, Karmen Klimple 37 votes and Brian Fowlds 132 votes for Ward I Council Member. **MOTION 12-56. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Ortmeier to declare the following: John Lawler was duly elected by the qualified voters of the City of Tea to the office of Mayor for a two year term; Brian Fowlds was duly elected by the qualified voters of the City of Tea to the office of Ward I Council Member for a two year term; Joe Weis was duly nominated and having no opposition at the Municipal Election is declared elected to the office of Councilmember Ward II for a two year term; Todd Boots was duly nominated and having no opposition at the Municipal Election is declared elected to the office of Councilmember Ward III for a two year term.. All members voted AYE.

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT. Carl & Marietta Soukup have submitted an application for Abatement/Refund of Taxes for their property legally described at Tea-Artisan Addn Lot 2, Blk 1 SW1/4 SW1/4 which the home was removed from the property in 2008. The council would like more information regarding the payable tax year and their share of tax refund. **MOTION 12-57. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Fowlds to table the Application for Abatement. All members voted AYE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. There have been reports of excessive speeding in a few areas of Tea. Ketterhagen requested to purchase a portable trailer with a speed indicator. It was suggested by the council to call around to see if there is one we can rent/use from another community or business to see if it slows traffic/helps before purchasing one.

MOTION 12-58. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to adjourn at 8:09 pm. All members voted AYE.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

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