

City of Tea
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2013

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on December 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor John Lawler called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following members present: Sidney Munson, Brian Fowlds, Chuck Ortmeier, Herman Otten, Joe Weis and Todd Boots. Also present was Finance Officer Dawn Murphy, Administrative Assistant/Economic Development Director Jenni White, Police Chief Clark Baker, Utility Superintendent Thad Konrad, Planning & Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen and City Engineer Jason Kjenstad.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION 13-272. MOTION by Otten seconded by Weis to go into executive session at 6:02 pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4). The council came out of executive session at 7:07 p.m.

AGENDA. MOTION 13-273. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Boots to approve the December 16, 2013 agenda. All members voted AYE.

MINUTES. MOTION 13-274. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to approve the December 2, 2013 minutes. All members voted AYE.

AMY MOSTERD, President of the Tea Fire Department Auxiliary was present to ask for approval to place a digital sign on the west side of the Public Safety Building. The sign will match the City Hall sign and would be fully paid for by the Auxiliary. **MOTION 13-275. MOTION** by Boots, seconded by Fowlds to approve the sign project for the Tea Fire Department Auxiliary as presented. All members voted AYE.

MAIN AVE. EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION PLANS. Jason has reviewed the construction plans for the Main Ave. Extension in Howling Ridge. He is still waiting for a copy of the letter informing the adjacent land owners that the project will be completed in 2014 and the costs of the improvements will be filed against the property. There was discussion on the pedestrian crossing at Main Ave. and 271st. St. and the bike path connection across the property on the southwest corner of 271st and Main Ave.

HOWLING RIDGE 4-PLEX COMMUNITY. There was discussion on the proposed 4-plex community in Howling Ridge. The site plan specifically prohibits parking on the private drives and does include extra sidewalk for pedestrian traffic. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the onsite detention pond. **MOTION 13-276. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Boots to approve the construction plans for the Howling Ridge 4-Plex Community located on Lots 3-4, Block 10 and Lot 2, Block 12 Howling Ridge Addition. Members Munson, Ortmeier, Fowlds, Weis and Boots voted AYE. Member Otten voted No. Motion carried.

UNDERGROUND SOLUTIONS, INC. SITE PLAN. Kevin presented and recommended approval of a site plan for construction of storage units in the Southwest Industrial Park. **MOTION 13-277. MOTION** by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to approve the site plan for Underground Solutions, Inc. for construction of storage units on Tract 3, Southwest Industrial Park Addition. Members Ortmeier, Munson, Otten, Weis and Boots voted AYE. Member Fowlds abstained. Motion carried.

PARKING ON N. JAMES AVE. Kevin has received some complaints regarding the parking at the corner of James Ave and Brian St. There have been some close calls with people turning off of Brian going south on James Ave. At times the road is down to one lane due to people parking all the way up to the stop sign. Thad and Kevin will take a look at it to see what the best solution would be.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT. Kevin briefly reviewed the recently submitted Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application. The city is applying for approximately 2,600 feet of shared use path that will connect downtown Tea to the athletic complex. Total cost would be approximately \$264,804.67 with the Federal Share being \$217,007.43 (81.98%).

FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION. The city has decided to split the city/fire department workman's compensation insurance into two policies. There was a brief discussion on having the fire department pay for their policy and who would administer the claims. No decision was made at this time.

POLICE CAR PURCHASE. Clark would like to go forward with the purchase of a Ford Interceptor police vehicle, which was budgeted for 2014. The City of Sioux Falls and the State of South Dakota both have bids we could purchase from. Clark is still waiting to hear from the state vendor therefore no decision was made.

COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY SIGNING PROJECT allows SDDOT to use Section 164 Safety Funds to upgrade existing regulatory, warning and guide signs. Funding is covered 100% by the federal safety funds. Lincoln County is scheduled to be completed in 2016. **MOTION 13-278. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Ortmeier to participate in the Countywide Highway Signing Project. All members voted AYE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. Clark put together a notice to put in the paper explaining the snow alert policy. Council will review and bring comments back to the next meeting. Three officers participated in the Sioux Falls Police Department shop with kids. There was a brief discussion on installing a repeater somewhere to help with reception for the police radios. That went with the same size poles for the backstop since the cost were too high.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION 13-279. MOTION by Otten seconded by Weis to go into executive session at 8:40 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4). The council came out of executive session at 9:29 p.m.

MOTION 13-280. MOTION by Otten, seconded by Fowlds to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. All members voted AYE.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer