

City of Tea
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2013

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor John Lawler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Sidney Munson (7:01), Brian Fowlds, Chuck Ortmeier, Herman Otten (arrived at 7:03), 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, and City Engineer Jason Kjenstad. Planning & Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen was attending the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Meeting in Canton.

AGENDA. MOTION 13-180. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Fowlds to approve the May 20, 2013 agenda. All members voted AYE.

MINUTES. MOTION 13-181. MOTION by Fowlds, seconded by Boots to approve the May 7, 2013 minutes. All members voted AYE. At this time, Councilmember Munson arrived.

MAIN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. The following bids were opened on May 16th for the Main Avenue Drainage Improvement Project (engineer's estimate \$174,482.50).

Zacharias Construction Inc.	\$150,281.59
Dirt Specialties	\$161,517.01
Stone Hill Construction	\$166,128.45
Krueger Excavating & Paving	\$169,986.75
Haarsma Construction	\$191,980.75
Metro Construction	\$195,915.50
First Rate Excavate	\$244,993.91

HDR has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the project to Zacharias Construction. At this time Councilmember Otten arrived. **MOTION 13-182. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Ortmeier to award the Main Ave. Drainage Improvement Project to Zacharias Construction, \$150,281.59. All members voted AYE. The project is scheduled to begin after Tea Pot Day and will be done the first week of August.

ENGINEERING. There will be a pre-construction meeting on July 8 for the Micro-Surfacing Project.

ZONING BOARD MEMBER. Mayor Lawler recommended appointing Joseph Munson to the Tea Planning & Zoning Board. **MOTION 13-183. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Fowlds to approve the Mayor's appointment of Joseph Munson to the Tea Planning and Zoning Board. Members Fowlds, Otten, Weis, Ortmeier and Boots voted AYE. Member Munson abstained. Motion carried.

POLICE OFFICER. MOTION 13-184. MOTION by Boots, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the hiring of Brock Nelson as a police officer at \$15.00 per hour, effective May 27th, 2013. All members voted AYE.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT. The 2012 Annual Report will be approved at the June 3, 2013 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. The pool will be opening May 28th. Dawn will be attending a meeting with FEMA on May 23rd to go over the process for recovering costs from the ice storm. The Lewis and Clark Annual Meeting is May 23rd at the Tea Events Hall starting at 5:45.

CUP PUBLIC HEARING. As this was the time set, the Mayor opened the public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Ryan Kolb to operate a camo-hydro dipping business (Backalley Accessories). The process involves heating a 600 gallon water tub, placing a film on the water, applying an activator and dipping the product in water. The water is filtered and once a month the tank is drained onto the lawn or into the floor drain. Mr. Kolb has provided a Material Safety Data Sheet and it does not appear that the chemicals are a risk to the environment or the sanitary sewer system. He does hydro-dip firearms, however, they are dismantled and shipped in a locked case. **MOTION 13-185.** **MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Ryan Kolb to operate Backalley Accessories at 325 W. Charish St., Lot 13, Block 3, Schoen's Addition. All members voted AYE.

MOTION 13-186. **MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Fowlds to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. All members voted AYE.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer