

City of Tea  
Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2013

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**AGENDA. MOTION 13-257. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Fowlds to approve the November 18, 2013 agenda. All members voted AYE.

**MINUTES. MOTION 13-258. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Boots to approve the November 4, 2013 minutes. All members voted AYE.

**PUBLIC HEARING.** An application has been received from John Schwartzle to re-zone recently annexed property in Howling Ridge from Agricultural to R-2 Residential District. **MOTION 13-259. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the re-zoning of Lots 1A & 1B, Block 8; Lots 3 & 4, Block 10; and Lot 2, Block 12, Howling Ridge Addition; from Agriculture to R-2 Multi-Family Residential District. All members voted AYE.

**DOUG WARJECKA**, 215 E. Kevin Dr. was present to discuss issues he is having with the apartments behind his home, which are located on Martha St. and Joseph Ave. There have been problems with snow being piled on his property; garbage blowing in his yard; and most recently they re-asphalted their parking lot and asphalted his property. Kevin has emailed the apartment owners each time he has had an issue. Mr. Warjecka will continue to be in contact with Kevin and the police department when he has problems.

**SCHOOL RESOUCER OFFICER.** The Tea Area School District has requested to have a full-time School Resource officer located in the school during the school year. They are willing to pay for 50% of the officer's salary and benefits during this time. **MOTION 13-260. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Boots to enter into an agreement with the school district to do a 50% cost share for a full-time (8 hours per day) School Resource Officer during the school year. All members voted AYE.

**GARBAGE HAULER ORDINANCE.** There was a lengthy discussion regarding changing to city wide garbage. The main issue that we are having is the amount of trucks that are going down our city streets. It was the consensus of the council to rework the ordinance and not pursue city wide garbage at this time.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.** Thad would like to order the truck that has been budgeted for purchase in 2014. He has found one that we could purchase off the State of Minnesota's bid. **MOTION 13-261. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Weis to purchase a 2014 Freightliner 108SD tandem truck off the State of Minnesota's bid, Contract #61003, from Istate Truck Center, for an amount not to exceed \$87,811.85 and to be delivered in 2014. All members voted AYE.

**DOT GRANT RESOLUTION.** The city would like to apply for a DOT Transportation Alternatives Grant to complete some of the shared use path around the athletic complex. The minimum match

required is 18.05% of the project costs. **MOTION 13-262. RESOLUTION 13-11-07. MOTION** by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to approve the following resolution. All members voted AYE. **DOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT APPLICATION SPONSORSHIP. WHEREAS**, the City of Tea desires assistance from the S.D. Department of Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of constructing a shared use path in southeast Tea that will link downtown Tea with its Athletic Complex, and **WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby commits to the continued maintenance of the Tea Athletic Complex Shared Use Path Phase I Project, and **WHEREAS**, the City Council commits to the local match for the project, and **WHEREAS**, the project meets all local zoning, planning regulations, and ordinances, and **WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges its responsibility to secure rights-of-way or easements for construction; **BE IT RESOLVED** the City Council hereby authorizes the filing of a grant application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, for the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required. Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST: Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

**AUDIT AGREEMENT. MOTION 13-263. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Fowlds to approve the audit agreement with Gary L. Larson CPA to perform the 2012-2013 Audit for a fee not to exceed \$17,000.00. All members voted AYE.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Mayor Lawler introduced the new Tea Volunteer Fire Department Officers, Chief Jeff Stahlecker and President Barry Maag. Councilmember Weis asked if the City could apply for a Safe Routes to School Grant to put a cross walk signal for the crossing at Elise and First Street. Dawn will check with Jason on the costs and look at our old Safe Routes to School Application to see if that was applied for and denied. Employee evaluation will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION 13-264. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. All members voted AYE.

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John M. Lawler, Mayor

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