

The regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on March 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Casey Voelker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Aaron Otten, Ruby Zuraff, James Erck, Terry Woessner and Joe Weis. Also present: City Administrator Justin Weiland, Finance Officer Dawn Murphy and City Engineer Ben Scholtz. Absent: Councilmember Lynn DeYoung and Planning & Zoning Officer Kevin Nissen.

**AGENDA. MOTION 25-21. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Woessner to move item 5 from the consent agenda to the regular meeting agenda and approve the March 3, 2025 Agenda as amended. All members voted AYE.

**CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION 25-22. MOTION** by Erck, seconded by Woessner to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. February 18, 2025 Minutes
2. March 3, 2025 Claims (claims will be listed at the end of the minutes)
3. Hiring of Albert Schmidt, Community Development Director, \$108,160.00 per year
4. Purchase of 2025 Chevrolet Travers, Karl Automotive Group, \$44,114.75

There were no public comments.

**SERENITY PARK ADDITION PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AMENDMENT.** Developer Kelly Nielson was present to answer questions from the February 18 meeting regarding the open space area. The open space area is to serve as a drainage way. The minimum lot area will change from 8,000 sq. ft. to 5,000 sq. ft. **MOTION 25-23. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Woessner to approve the Revised Serenity Park Addition Planned Development District. All members vote AYE.

**PLAT.** The council reviewed a plat in High Pointe Estates 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition. This was also reviewed at the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The City has concerns about the 3 lots along High Pointe St. that are designated as detention. **MOTION 25-24. MOTION** by Woessner, seconded by Weis to approve the plat of Lots 19-23, Block 2; Lots 12-16, Block 4; Lots 11A & 12, Block 3, High Pointe Estates 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, contingent upon a drainage easement added. All members voted AYE.

**BRIAN ST. CONSTRUCTION.** There was a brief discussion on Brian St. extension construction and design. No action was taken.

**SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS.** Representatives from Titans Tavern were present to inquire about leasing the sand volleyball courts. City Administrator Weiland will work out the details for the lease.

**MOTION 25-25. MOTION** by Erck, seconded by Zuraff to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel & 9-34-19 Economic Development. All members voted AYE. The council came out of executive session at 8:09 pm.

**MOTION 25-26. MOTION** by Erck, seconded by Zuraff to approve the following anniversary date step increases:

- Brian Tvedt, Police Department Administrator Assistant - \$31.01 per hour
- Dawn Murphy, Finance Officer, \$52.18 per hour

**MOTION 25-27. MOTION** by Woessner, seconded by Zuraff to adjourn at 8:10 pm. All members voted AYE.

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Casey Voelker , Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

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**CITY OF TEA  
WARRANTS PAID MARCH 3, 2025**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Avera Occupational Medicine	Drug testing	43.70
ASCAP	Balance due on 2025 fees	11.46
Bierschbach	Flashers	149.40
Blue Peak	Phones	1,161.15
City of Sioux Falls	January sewer pumping charges	52,897.51
Cole Papers	Supplies	143.77
Christensen, Jennifer	February cleaning	200.00
Caseys General Store	Fuel	275.86
Dakota Riggers	Safety harness	281.78
Dakota Pump	Pump seal kits	4,247.96
Ditch Witch	Vac trailer	79,498.27
Equipment Blades	Plow blades	1,740.00
Ferguson	Grinder blades	64.99
Geotek	Heritage sewer extension soil borings	7,200.00
Geotek	Heritage reconstruction soil borings	6,800.00
Geotek	E. Brian St. extension soil borings	6,700.00
Graham	Tire repair	112.50
Get N Go	Fuel	701.90
Heiman Fire	Fire extinguisher	89.00
Jacks Uniforms	Shirt	57.45
KCL Group Benefits	Insurance	611.62
Marco	Toner	62.55
MRG Hauff	Banners. baseball jerseys	7,313.00
Midco	Lift station phone	41.97
Sorlien Electric	Generator switch	137.76
SDWWA	Conference	120.00
Service First Fire Sprinkler	Sprinkler service	6,635.06
Tea Area Community Foundation	2025 Contribution	2,000.00
Xcel Energy	St. lights	5,523.01
Southeastern Electric	St. lights	6,162.23
		190,983.90

## FEBRUARY PAYROLL

DEPARTMENT	GROSS PAY	SS/MED	RETIRMENT	TOTAL
Administrator 4122	12,552.00	960.22	753.12	14,265.34
Finance 4142	8,028.88	614.22	481.73	9,124.83
Public Safety 4210	75,731.49	5,624.90	5,959.08	87,315.47
Highway/Streets 4311	16,339.17	1,244.31	980.36	18,563.84
Recreation 201-4501	4,995.20	382.14	299.72	5,677.06
Planning & Zoning 4650	14,366.83	1,084.81	862.00	16,313.64
Water Distribution 4334	16,501.67	1,256.68	990.11	18,748.46
Water Administration 4335	1,210.98	92.64	72.66	1,376.28
Sewer Administration 4321	16,506.42	1,257.24	990.36	18,754.02
Sanitary Clerk	1,210.98	92.64	72.66	1,376.28
TOTAL FEBRUARY PAYROLL	167,443.62	12,609.80	11,461.80	191,515.22