

City of Tea
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor John Lawler called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Sidney Munson, 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, Utility Superintendent Thad Konrad, Planning & Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen and City Engineer Jason Kjenstad. Councilmember Brian Fowlds was absent.

AGENDA. MOTION 14-62. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the April 21, 2014 agenda. All members voted AYE.

MINUTES. MOTION 14-63. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Boots to approve the April 7 and April 10, 2014 minutes. All members voted AYE.

ENGINEERING. Bids for the 2014 Overlay Project will be opened on May 1. There is a pre-application meeting April 24th with the Corps of Engineers to discuss the 468th Ave. Pipe Project. The sidewalk repair project will be bid sometime in July.

ZONING. The zoning board has discussed the Final Plans for the Soukup Addition located on the corner of N. Main Ave. and 271st St. The plans were approved in 2005 but no construction plans have been submitted. They have discussed the option to zone the property a Planned Development District. Councilmember Otten is not in favor of a planned development district. No decisions have been made.

PUBLIC HEARING CUP #14-01. Mayor Lawler opened the public hearing for Group Daycare at 525 N. Poplar Ave. Planning & Zoning approved the use with no additional requirements. There were no comments for or against the permit. **MOTION 14-64. MOTION** by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to approve Conditional Use Permit #14-01, for Molly Heeney, 525 N. Poplar Ave., Atkins Height Addition, Lot 13, Block 2. Approval is contingent upon receiving certification from the state. All members voted AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING. VARIANCE #14-01. Mayor Lawler opened the public hearing for a variance to the Tea Zoning Ordinances. Brent Scheepstra would like to construct a 960 sq. ft. detached garage. The maximum size for an accessory structure is 768 sq. ft. **MOTION 14-65. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Boots to approve a zoning variance for Brent Scheepstra to construct a 960 sq. ft. garage at 355 Lisa Cir., Lot 16A, Block 5, Zelmer 1st Addition. Approval is contingent upon verifying the year yard setback is 10'. All members voted AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING. VARIANCE #14-02. The public hearing for a detached garage at 530 S. Mary Ave. has been postponed until May 5, 2014.

HIRING OF EMPLOYEES. MOTION 14-66. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to hire Kevin Howes for season summer maintenance at \$9.25 per hour. All members voted AYE. **MOTION 14-67. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Boots to hire Donna Howes as pool manager at \$17.25 per hour. All members voted AYE.

POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY #38. There was a brief discussion on Police Department Policy #38, Towed Vehicles. This will be approved at the next meeting

ELEVATOR SURPLUS PROPERTY. The elevator plans to be out of the building by May 31. Therefore the building needs to be declared surplus so that the sale of certain components and the demolition process can begin. **MOTION 14-68. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to declare the elevator building and all its components, located at 225 E. 2nd St, surplus property. All members voted AYE. A complete list is on file at City Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. Dawn handed out copies of the proposed revised garbage hauler ordinance. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Dawn's computer had been infected by the Cryptolocker virus. All files have been restored and cleaned up. Councilmember Otten will be moving out of his ward in May and therefore there will be a vacancy in Ward 2. Dawn will put a notice in the paper looking for people interested in serving on the council.

MOTION 14-69. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All members voted AYE.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer