

City of Tea
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2014

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held May 19, 2014 at Tea City Hall on 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, Brian Fowlds, Chuck Ortmeier, Herman Otten, and Joe Weis. Also present: Finance Officer Dawn Murphy, Police Chief Clark Baker, Planning & Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen, City Engineer Jason Kjenstad and Utility Superintendent Thad Konrad. Councilmember Todd Boots and Administrative Assistant/Economic Development Director Jenni White were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION 14-83. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to go into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m., pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) personnel. Council came out of executive session at 7:33 p.m.

AGENDA. MOTION 14-84. MOTION by Fowlds, seconded by Weis to approve the May 19, 2014 agenda. All members voted AYE.

MINUTES. MOTION 14-85. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the May 5, 2014 minutes. All members voted AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING CUP #14-02. Mayor Lawler opened the public hearing for a Group Daycare at 505 W. Apple St., for Franny Lekander. This came about from a complaint issued by a back yard neighbor. She has been operating a daycare for several years, however at that time the State did not require permission from the City and therefore she did not know of the city regulations. Jay DeBoer was present to discuss the noise from the daycare. The noise doesn't so much bother him, however it bothered the back yard neighbor that no longer lives there. Mr. DeBoer would like to see a privacy fence installed between the Lekander's house and the currently vacant house to the south. There was discussion on putting "slats" through the existing chain link fence, however, the Lekander's do not own the fence and would need to talk to the new owners when they move in. **MOTION 14-86. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Fowlds to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Franny Lekander, 505 W. Apple St., Lot, 10, Bock 4, Schoen's addition, with the condition that they work something out with the new home owner to the south to put slats in their chain link fence; or install a privacy fence if they cannot work it out. Members Otten, Fowlds, Munson and Weis voted AYE. Member Ortmeier voted NO. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SIGN. Kevin presented three option for a new sign for the fire department. They have changed the design from the one that was approved December 16, 2013. **MOTION 14-87. MOTION** by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to allow the Tea Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to choose the design of the sign as long as it matches the brick on the City Hall sign and the height does not exceed 10' in height. All members voted AYE.

ENGINEERING. The last week of May, HDR will have their interns go out and check sidewalks again. HDR has had a meeting with the Corp of Engineers on the 468th St. Project. They have come up with an option for the Taylor St. channel.

SUMMER REC. EMPLOYEES. MOTION 14-88. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Fowlds to hire the following for the summer recreation program: Tara Johanssen, \$12.00 per hour, Amy Verbowsky, \$9.25 per hour, Vick Pick, \$9.25 per hour and Shannon Heege, \$9.25 per hour. All members voted AYE.

POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY. MOTION 14-89. MOTION by Fowlds, seconded by Weis to approve Tea Police Department Policy #38, Towed Vehicles. All members voted AYE.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT. This will be approved at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. New home starts are up from last year. Police Department is working on nuisances. Councilmember Otten has received a call on cement trucks washing out their trucks at the end of 5th St. Chief Baker passed out an ordinance suggestion from the Police Chief's Association for vicious animals. The Lewis & Clark Annual Meeting is Mary 22nd. Bids on the elevator surplus property will be opened on June 3, 2014.

COUNCILMEMBER RESIGNATION. MOTION 14-90. MOTION by Fowlds, seconded by Ortmeier to accept Councilmember Otten's resignation from the council do to him relocating out of the city limits. All members voted AYE. Mayor Lawler thanked Otten for his time on the council and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

MOTION 14-91. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. All members voted AYE.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

