

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2025 6:00 P.M.  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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Mayor Pro Tem Brady Collinson called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Alisha Anderson, Josh Boyd, BillENZler, and Amanda Blood. Others present were Devin Billington and Jared Harward.

**Excusal of Council Absences**

Mayor David Rafferty had a family engagement and couldn't be at tonight's meeting.

**ACTION**

Amanda Blood moved to excuse Mayor Rafferty from tonight's council meeting; this was seconded by Alisha Anderson. Motion passed 4 – 0.

**Correspondence and/or Guest**

None tonight.

**Public Comments**

None tonight.

**Old Business**

**Monthly Billing & Account Balance Review**

Jared gave the council an updated list of delinquent utility accounts. The first monthly bill will go out next month (April). Residents have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to come into Town Hall and set up a payment plan on back owing amounts but must be paid-up on current charges to avoid late fees or having their water shut off.

**New Business**

**2025 Tekoa Swim Bus / Summer Movie in the Park - Funding**

Tenaska has offered to continue to sponsor and donate funds this year to community programs like the Tekoa Swim Bus, Summer Movie in the Park, and the Summer Lunch Program. Jared will reach out and speak with Kim Creighton to establish specifics on funding details for available programs.

**Fairfield Food Co-op – 2025 Kick-off Meeting**

The council granted permission for Jared Harward and Richie Brower to use the basement of the Community Center to hold a kick-off meeting for the Fairfield Food Co-op to get a board established to continue the program. That meeting will be on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Earth Day 2025 – Thiel Park Clean-up Activity**

Deputy Clerk Rachel Davis is spearheading an activity centered around cleaning up the park and planting flowers to celebrate Earth Day 2025. The council approved of the activity and commended Rachel for taking initiative. That activity will occur on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Hamilton Drainage Issues**

One of Brady Collinson's neighbors contacted him regarding drainage issues on Hamilton, stating that during the recent flooding water had entered his basement. Devin said he will look into possible solutions, but unfortunately the grade in that area doesn't allow for the town to make any drastic improvements that would prevent this from happening when flooding occurs.

## **Public Works**

### **Sewer:**

Samples going in this week.  
Bio-solids report submitted.  
Waste load assessment 2024 submitted.

### **Streets:**

Drainage ditch throughout town working with WSDOT on potential dredging and cleaning out.  
Grading roads and adding gravel to most needed areas scheduled to start next week.  
Ditch work throughout town starting.

### **Parks:**

As the weather warms up the park bathrooms and RV dump site will be opened up soon.  
Park equipment is ready for spring and summer maintenance.  
Purchase of new mower.

### **Water:**

Working with RMSA on SWAMP to update plan.  
Updating inventory for the town's water system.  
Applying for SRF to assist financially in solving the intermittent air issue in the wells.

### **General:**

Surplus of old equipment – sale this year.  
Community Center ARPA Repairs:  
Women's restroom project has been completed at a total cost of \$8,080.94  
(Labor: \$5,703.93 (258 hours), and Supplies: \$2,377.01)

## **An Example of a Regular Task:**

### **ACTION**

Bill Enzler made a motion to approve the sale of 9 surplus items on Devin's list from Public Works; this was seconded by Josh Boyd. The motion passed 4 – 0.

### **ACTION**

Alisha Anderson moved to approve Devin spending up to \$2750 (from ARPA funds) for a "sewer snake" to assist Public Works in clearing drains; this was seconded by Josh Boyd. The motion passed 4 – 0.

### **ACTION**

Alisha Anderson moved to approve Devin spending up to \$49,000 (the remaining balance of the federal ARPA funds) on a ¾ - 1 ton diesel pickup truck for Public Works; this was seconded by Amanda Blood. The motion passed 4 – 0.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous council meeting were not available for approval at this time and will be reviewed at the first council meeting in April.

## **Approval of Claims**

### **ACTION**

Amanda Blood moved, and Alisha Anderson seconded to approve the March 18, 2025 claims with EFTs in the total amount of \$6,000.35 and checks numbered 21921 – 21927 for \$15,904.37. This motion was approved 4 – 0.

Date	03-18-2025
Claims	\$14,036.60
Payroll	\$7,868.12
Total Paid	\$21,904.72

Check register signed by Alisha Anderson, Bill Enzler, and Amanda Blood.

**Compliments, Concerns and Complaints**


None tonight.

**Dates to Remember**

Family Bingo – Service Club	March 29
Pastor Debbie's Final Service	March 30
Liberty Spring Break	April 7 – 11
Earth Day Park Clean-up	May 3
Declaration of candidacy	May 5

**Adjourn**

Alisha Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.



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Brady Collinson, Mayor Pro Tem



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Jared Harward, Clerk/Treasurer