

MINUTES
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Tonka Bay City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Jennings, Council Members Anderson, Eckland, Ottum, and Wischmeier. Also present were City Administrator Holl, City Planner Johnson, and City Attorney Nason.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 4. E. Council Member Wischmeier seconded the motion. Ayes: Anderson, Eckland, Ottum, Wischmeier, and Jennings. The motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from June 24, 2025 City Council Meeting
- B. June 2025 Claims
- C. LMCD Multiple Dock License Change, Caribbean Marina
- D. 2024 SUIP Construction Meeting Notes June 25, 2025
- E. Minutes from May 5, 2025 Parks & Docks Commission Meeting

Council Member Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda with comments to 4.B and 4.E. Council Member Eckland seconded the motion. Ayes: Anderson, Eckland, Ottum, and Jennings. Council Member Wischmeier abstained. The motion carried.

5. SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

6. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Shawn Wischmeier, 165 Lakeview Avenue, speaking on behalf of Caribbean Marina, 135 Lakeview Avenue, provided an update that the deck is mostly installed, with fencing and railing completed. He expressed appreciation for the support and collaboration from the City, acknowledging past tensions and confusion, and thanked those who helped resolve issues so the deck could reopen for public use this summer. Council Members responded by stating the deck looks great.

Susan Fuhr, 20 Lilah Lane, noted that the Council agenda states Lilah Lane is not included in the repaving plan but is listed for seal coating. Fuhr requested

clarification, expressing concern that the road should be replaced or repaired—not just seal coated. Fuhr also raised the issue that the road has not been cleaned daily as promised during the project, resulting in excessive dust entering homes and garages. Council responded that Lilah Lane is on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting. City Administrator Holl explained that the road was not cleaned at the end of the previous week due to the July 4th holiday. Holl added that standard sweeping has been ineffective due to ruts in the road, and the City is working with the contractor and engineer to implement a better cleaning method. Holl noted that a solution was expected to be tested today and welcomed residents' feedback.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve 2025 Bituminous Seal Coating Proposal - City Administrator Holl presented the seal coat proposal, noting the lowest quote was from Allied Blacktop for \$39,725 and requested Council approval. Holl clarified that while Lilah Lane was included in the original proposal, it will be excluded due to its poor condition. Based on discussions with the City Engineer, Lilah Lane will likely require a full mill and overlay, meaning the entire street will be redone rather than just seal coated.

A motion approving the 2025 bituminous seal coating proposal from Allied Blacktop for \$39,725, excluding Lilah Lane, was made by Council Member Anderson. Council Member Eckland seconded the motion. Ayes: Anderson, Eckland, Ottum, Wischmeier, and Jennings. The motion carried.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

11. REPORTS

A. City Administrator Holl reported that soil removal in front of City Hall is about 35–40% complete and progressing faster than expected. He visited the mitigation site and shared photos with Council. The Native American monitor on-site noted positive interactions with curious and respectful residents. Holl also mentioned ongoing work on the Southwest field use and donation agreements, as well as a maintenance agreement, which are in progress and are being reviewed by the City Attorney. Abdo Financial is working with City

Treasurer on bank reconciliations to get financials current before starting the audit. An inventory of faded or damaged signs is underway, led by Todd, to estimate replacement costs for future budget planning.

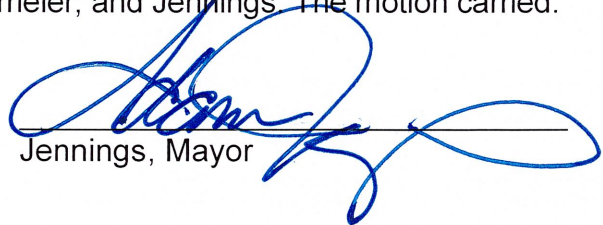
Council Member Wischmeier raised the condition of the existing MBA shed, expressing interest in partnering with the baseball association on a larger, new wooden shed. Holl noted that the Parks & Docks Commission supports replacing the current shed with a shared, improved structure.

Lastly, Holl reminded Council that his six-month review is due at the next meeting. He will provide a review template, and Council members are to send completed forms to the Mayor for compilation.

- B. City Attorney Nason reported that she will be attending the League of Minnesota Cities Legislative Update on July 10, 2025 and will present the legislative changes to Council at a later date.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Councilmember Eckland seconded the motion. Ayes: Anderson, Eckland, Ottum, Wischmeier, and Jennings. The motion carried.



Jennings, Mayor

Attest:



Gildemeister, City Clerk