

City of Tetonia
Tetonia City Council
Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 2025 @ 7PM

OPEN MEETING

- Call to order by Mayor Schindler
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Schindler

Roll Call by City Clerk – In attendance, Councilmembers: Blaine Ball, Ryan Bonilla, Mandy Rasmussen, Aaron Hansen and Mayor Brent Schindler. Also in attendance: City Attorney Bart Birch.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Hearing

Mayor Schindler opened up the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Hearing for comments from the public.

No comments received.

Mayor Schindler closed public comment period.

ACTION ITEMS

Adopt Preliminary FY2026 Budget- Action

Hansen moves to approve the preliminary budget that totals \$183,163 for General fund, \$160,640 for Water Fund and \$206,493 for Sewer fund. Ball seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

FY26 Appropriations Ordinance 2025-04- Action

Hansen moves to adopt Ordinance 2025-04, to be read by title only and be considered thrice read.

Rasmussen seconds. By roll call vote: Hansen-Yes, Rasmussen-Yes, Bonilla-Yes, Ball-Yes. Motion

Constitution Week Proclamation -Action

Mayor Schindler presented the Constitution amendment as proposed.

Bonilla moves to approve the constitution week proclamation, Hansen seconds. Motion approved.

Temporary Use Permit Review, Michele Walters-Action

Michele gave a quick summary of the Temporary Use Permit she is requesting. It involves closing a section of the road from Main Street to 5th street on Central Avenue to host a steam roller art event. In the emergency agencies review, the Teton County Sheriff had requested that a traffic parking plan to be included for review by the Planning and Zoning meeting tomorrow.

Bonilla moves to approve the temporary closure of Central Avenue with the listed and approved road signs and contingent on any other requirements as well as approval from the Planning and Zoning Committee. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.

Water Truck and Arena Groomer Purchase- Action

A review was made of the Rodeo Grounds revenue that has been generated by the Rodeo Committee this year. The Rodeo Committee is asking the City to purchase a used water truck for \$9,000. Questions revolved around if the water truck has ever stored mag chloride and if any mechanics have looked at it. Ball moves to purchase the truck for 9k contingent on whether the truck had ever stored Mag, Hansen seconds. Ball nays, Motion passes with 3 ayes and 1 nay.

Mayor Schindler suggested speaking with the owner of the groomer as well as getting some more information regarding specs and costs. No motion made on Groomer Purchase.

Local Option Tax, Ballot Resolution 2025-04- Action

Rasmussen moves to approve Resolution 2025-04 with clerical edits. Hansen approves. Motion approved.

Ruby Carson Park Monument- Action

Mayor Schindler reviewed the cost breakdowns of having the Ruby Carson Park monument refurbished. To refurbish the monument, it would cost \$20k plus the electrical work and new sign material to refurbish the current style. A \$2500 grant has been received for use of any sign. Another proposal will be brought to the September agenda with price and design material options to vote on. No motions made.

CONSENT AGENDA

- July Claims-
Bonilla moves to approve the claims as presented with the additional Berry Oil invoice for monthly fuel. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.
- July Minutes-
 - Bonilla moves to approve the July 08th City Council meeting minutes as presented, Hansen seconds. Motion approved.
 - Rasmussen moves to approve the July 15th City Council meeting minutes with clerical edits. Ball seconds. Motion approved.
- Past due accounts were reviewed by the Mayor and the Council. Notice letters will be sent to the accounts that were flagged as past due.
- Staff reports were presented and reviewed.

ENFORCEMENTS, COMPLIANCE UPDATES

- Fence compliance discussion was made.
- Weed clean up requests were sent to 4 properties.

- There is a broken meter pit by Daves Pubb.
- Discussion of a culvert along Main Street was made.
- A Noise complaint against Daves Pubb was received. The complaint detailed late nights of noise throughout the weekdays, people yelling, loud music, public urination and people sleeping in the cars.
- A Parade complaint was made regarding someone throwing a water balloon and nearly hitting someone in the face. Mayor Schindler resolved this with the person who submitted the complaint.
- A Park maintenance complaint was received and resolved.

DISCUSSION

Urban Renewal District Presentation-

Rob Heuseveldt introduced Troy Butzlaff to give a presentation of an Urban Renewal Agency. Troy reviewed what an Urban Renewal Agency (URA) is, how it would work and the pros and cons of forming a URA.

Troy gave examples from both Driggs and Victor and how the Cities have used their URA to help attract businesses and to help support deteriorating infrastructure within the City.

Area of Impact Work Session-

City Planner, Ashley Koehler, presented her memo regarding an AIO work session held with the Board of County Commissioners. Ashley asked for guidance from the Council to help her red line a draft of the AOI ordinance.

Boundary areas were also discussed, city vs. county design standards, and making sure that the area around the rodeo grounds is included within the boundary.

Ashley asked about review process and if the council wants to see a joint, City/County Planning and Zoning committee. Council decided not to have a joint committee at this time.

Comprehensive Plan Progress Report

A summary was reviewed from the Comprehensive Plan update survey that was put out to the City residents. 31 people in total participated. A continued timeline for this project was also discussed.

Future Videography Opportunity-

The City received information about a videography service that could potentially make event videos for the City to help advertise in the future.

Expense vs. Revenue Report, Tetonia Celebrates America 2025

Know Be4 Training-

A review was made of the importance of staying up to date on these trainings.

Mayor Updates

- Sewer, Rodeo Grounds and City Park will be sprayed for weeds with help from Teton County.
- The Sewer system has stayed operational with limited staff.
- Water tests are done and compliant.

- Sewer sampling is in compliance.
- Flowers look great.
- Enforcement updates were reviewed.
- Park maintenance was discussed.
- The City continues to have lots of volunteers.
- Rodeo Grounds has had a large majority of dead trees that have been cut and cleared.

EXECUTIVE SESSION per IC 74-206 to discuss personnel

Hansen moves to go into executive session per Idaho code 74-206 to discuss Personnel by roll call vote. Ball seconds. Motion passed.

By Roll Call: Ball- Yes, Hansen- Yes, Bonilla- Yes, Rasmussen- Yes. Motion passed.

Executive session begins at 9:12 PM

Executive session ends at 9:22 pm. City personnel issues were discussed.

ADJOURN MEETING

Ball moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM. Hansen seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Brent Schindler, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jacque Beard, City Clerk