

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 and Public Works Director Clint Moulton.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ACTION ITEMS

Park Grant / Contract Agreement, Forsgren Approval- Action

Aaron from Forsgren and Associates walked the Council through the admin contract for the Park engineering for the USDA park grant. Review was made of the scope of project and it was discussed and explained. Details of the scope of the project were reviewed regarding priority. Admin questions were reviewed. Hansen moves to approve the proposed contract, Bonilla seconds. Motion approved.

Hibbert Water/Sewer Connection- Action

Hansen recuses himself for involvement in other business matters with the Hibberts. Mayor Schindler reviewed the situation by updating the Council about the water line reconnection requirements as well as explained where the water and sewer lines were connected into temp lines. Mayor Schindler asked Councilman Blaine Ball to help explain the connections. Ball reviewed that the City owns the main line from the connection to the Main. He explained that a shorter line is more secure regarding freezing and maintenance.

Hans Hibbert reviewed his recollection of the permitting process. He expressed his frustration on lack of a Public Works employee at the City at that time of his original application. Hans reminded the City that in November of 2024, he suggested 3 other solutions to the City Council and stated that he thought that they should have been viable solutions.

Hans feels that the City should provide the sewer main line to their property. He said they left the meeting in November thinking that they had a permanent solution.

Lance Hartley, neighbor to the Hibberts property, spoke up said they paid \$20k to hook their duplex into the City water system. Hans quoted the City code title regarding water/sewer connection. Hans also wanted to clarify that the City was only asking them to reconnect to the water main.

Hans told the City that he think the City's capital improvement fund should pay for the water line main. He asked the Council to reconsider requiring them to reconnect again. Hans is frustrated that the City didn't require them to reconnect at the time the main line was being installed.

Lance Hartley stated that it will now cost them \$8k to reconnect.

Mayor Schindler thanked Hibbert and Hartley for the cost breakdowns and comments. Mayor Schindler stated that at the time the Hibberts connected to the City water system, Tetonia did not have the knowledge that a main line would be required. He sympathized with them about the cost but also said his priority was to keep the integrity of the main line on behalf of the City. Mayor Schindler suggested that instead of second guessing the words of Jared and Clint, who were unable to attend the Council meeting, that he could schedule a work session with all the parties to help answer questions the residents had. Ball explains that the mistake the City made was allowing the exception of a temporary line that is now needing to be relocated. He stated that if they make exceptions for one, then we would need to consider making exceptions for everyone. Ball explained the importance of being consistent regarding the City code.

Mayor Schindler again stated that he suggested a work meeting with Tetonia Public works and Backup Operator as well as the Tetonia Engineer and involved property owners.

Parties involved agreed to hold a work session.

No Motion made.

Water / Sewer Backup Operator- Action

Ball recuses himself. Ball explained the process required in holding the City backup license. Ball offered his Drinking water license to be used as the official Tetonia Drinking Water backup license. He offered this at no monthly fees but instead having the City pay for his annual conference and license renewal fees. This would save Tetonia money in the long run.

Hansen moves to approve Ball as being the City backup while paying for his annual continuing education and license fees. Rasmussen seconds. Ball recused himself. Motion passed.

Verizon Tower, Property Agreement- Action

Crown Castle/Verizon Wireless has asked the City to sign a right of way agreement to install an underground power line on the City owned, water tank property.

It was suggested to put all future building and installs on hold while waiting for Crown Castle to verify income. This request was made a few months ago with no solution. Council agreed to wanting to make sure Crown Castle was holding up their end of the contract before agreeing to anything new.

Alcohol License Transfer- Action

Grand View Station has transferred ownership and has asked for a beer and wine license transfer to be made. Ball moves to approve the transfer of the beer and wine license, Hansen seconds. Motion passed.

Sewer Crane, Equipment Purchase- Action

Public Works has requested to purchase a mechanical crane to aid in lifting equipment. The proposed crane would make the repairs and maintenance budget go over the allocated budget. A suggestion was made to purchase a hitch crane that is installed directly into the City pickup. Discussion of the hitch crane was made and it was decided that it would be more versatile. Mayor and PW will look at other solutions and bring the subject back to the City Council if it goes over the annual budget line.

CONSENT AGENDA

- January Claims
 - Clerk asked to add the Teton Smart Security invoice of \$467.50
 - Bonilla moves to approve the claims as presented with the addition of the Teton Smart Security invoice of \$467.50. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.
- January Minutes
 - Hansen moves to approve the January minutes with clerical edits. Rasmussen seconds. Motion approved, Bonilla abstains because he was absent from the January meeting.
- Past due accounts were reviewed by the Mayor and the Council. Notice letters will be sent to accounts that were flagged as past due.
- Staff reports were presented and reviewed.

ENFORCEMENTS, COMPLIANCE UPDATES

City Clerk asked for the Planning and Zoning to help interpret two items of the City Code. Review was made of the temporary housing policy and code sections allowing temporary living situations. Planning and Zoning suggested updating the Temporary Housing policy to help clarify the intent of the code meaning.

The P and Z also reviewed the land use code involving outdoor displays to help clarify when a special use permit would be needed.

DISCUSSION

Drinking Water Facility Planning Study, Feedback

Comments were made while reviewing the Drinking Water Facility Planning Study presented by Forsgren Engineers last month. Concerns were brought up regarding the wording regarding the population percentage breakdown. Clerk will follow up and ask Forsgrens to also include a population rate from the last 5 years as well as the included 20 year review they had already included.

Other questions for the Engineer was regarding the cost review of the Water connection rates.

AIC Meeting Dates, Review

Review of dates for the upcoming AIC spring meeting as well as the AIC annual conference was made.

City Hall Damage, Claim Update

Clerk reviewed the ongoing efforts to get the insurance claim finalized for the City Hall damage. City Attorney Bart Birch offered to send a letter on behalf of the City asking for an update as well as to ask for a quicker decision.

Resident Mailbox Discussion

Discussion was made about the status of the Tetonia Post Office regarding the Post Office box spaces. Future continued discussion will be made with the Post Master.

Snow Plane Rally Revenue/Expense Report Review

Revenue and Expense reports were reviewed from the 2025 Annual Snow Plane Rally. We were able to clear all costs with revenues with the exception of merchandise which we will sell at a later date.

Mayor Updates-

- Mayor will continue to send reminders on Facebook reminding residents to run water on the low temperature nights.
- Mayor Schindler went to Boise and met with the Legislators regarding City business.
- Mayor updated the Council on having his students help stuff Easter Eggs. The students have been loving it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION per IC 74-206:

Hansen moves to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 to discuss pending litigation per roll vote. Ball seconds. Motion passed.

By roll call vote: Hansen- Yes, Rasmussen- Yes, Ball- Yes, Bonilla Yes and Schindler-Yes.

Executive session begins at 9:06 pm

Exec session to discuss pending litigation and personnel ends at 9:40 pm.

ADJOURN MEETING

Hansen moved to adjourn at 9:40 PM; Rasmussen seconds. The motion carried unanimously.

Brent Schindler, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jacque Beard, City Clerk