



## **OPEN MEETING**

- Call to order by Council Chair Brent Schindler at 7:03 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance led Council Chair, Brent Schindler

Roll Call by City Clerk- In attendance is: Aaron Hansen, Ryan Bonilla, Blaine Ball, and Brent Schindler. Mayor Hoopes is absent.

Also in attendance is City Attorney Bart Birch and Public Works Director Braiden Klingler.

Public in Attendance is: Julia Tellman, Dean Radodos (Buckrail Ranch), Ashley Kohler, Clint and Paige Lemieux, Kelly Nead from Valley Septic, Don Lowder, Husk Crowther, Irene Martinez, Gorgain Martinez.

Public Hearing: None

## **Action Items**

Water Irrigation Rights- Action Irene Perez/Martinez and Gorgain Martinez addressed the council about their frozen lines last winter (2020). They said that for 3 months their water lines on his property on Letham Avenue were frozen. Review was made of past conversations that was made on this subject. Memories were that the rates were to stay the same because the City of Tetonia charges a minimum rate to be included into the City system. Because this issue came in late, a review of the past minutes was not available.

They also told the council that they have been paying for water rights but have not gotten any water and that the water rights company told them that they could sell their rights. They did not know any details on which rights they were in ownership of.

Topic will be tabled until more information can be provided about both topics.

Buckrail Subdivision review – Action Dean (Developer) gave the City Council an overview of his Buckrail subdivision plans as well as reviewed the latest Tetonia Planning and Zoning comments. Ashley Kohler, City Planner reviewed her recommendations as well as what the Tetonia P and Z commissions' suggestion. Those recommendations included needing to show the road easements for vacant lots. Other questions on this subdivision were: Will trees block the views? Will the water and wells support that many people and homes? How will this subdivision affect wildlife? What if the City grows and expands, what would it take to integrate this subdivision into City connections? Comments followed. Ball moves for the Buckrail subdivision processes to continue while including the recommendations of the Tetonia Planning and Zoning, Hansen seconds. Motion passed.

### Connection Options, Lemieux- Action

Clint Lemieux addressed to council with his plan for subdividing his current property. Discussion followed of a future proposed annexation of a property that currently has a septic and well. Lemieux's other questions were if they were to connect to the City system in the future, would they need an "E1" lift station to support his property at the location he's proposing to annex into the City. Ashely will look up the City Code and see if there are any exemptions and/or ordinances pertaining to the proposed Lemieux's plans. Paige Lemieux also stated that they are under contract to sale their home pending the lot split, land swap and boundary adjustment and asked timeline questions for the different processes. No motion needed.

Sewer Lagoon Contract, Valley Septic- Action Truck size and costs were discussed. Kelly Nead told the council about the season averages and that sometimes he will unload a truck that is not completely full. Councilman Ball suggested that the City have a 3%-5% increase every year to keep up with maintenance cost. Further discussions continued and Kelly told council that he pre-screens his waste loads to keep upkeep to a minimum. The relationship between Valley Septic and City of Teton have been in good standing and the City would like to continue to work with Kelly.

Hansen moves to carry contract on for one more month so that the council can reevaluate the cost per load and to add the topic to February's Agenda. . Bonilla seconds. Motion passes.

Bonilla moves to amend the agenda for Enforcements to be the next action item. Schindler seconds. Motion passed.

### Enforcement- Action

- 3124 Teton Avenue - Enforcement EF-06, Lowder addressed the council about the enforcement letter he received from the City. He stated that he had disconnected his campers but needs more time to be able to move the campers off the property. Lowder said that he has people living in 2 different RVs on property and that as of Feb 1<sup>st</sup> there will no longer be any tenants in campers. Lowder said he owns 3 of the four RVS. He requested more time so that he can limit his campers to one. Caps would need to be put on the extra sewer connections immediately. February 1<sup>st</sup> for no tenants in RV and March 15<sup>th</sup> to remove extra campers from property. A council review would be needed as well as a compliance contract. Hansen moves for making a compliance plan with the above dates. Ball seconds. Motion passed.
- Business Licenses – Late fees will be assessed at the end of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

### Update Snow Plow Policy- Action

Discussion was made of updating policy into an ordinance with a fine for people pushing snow where it should not be. Councilman Ball said that we need to change the recommendations of mail boxes. Schindler would like to add these nuisances onto the monthly newsletter. Re draft of the snow policy will be drafted to be readdressed next month. No motion needed. Tabled.

Rodeo Ground Uses- Action Discussed Rodeo Ground uses and current contract. Suggestions were made of what signs to use to keep public safe and not the City be liable. Schindler would like to send the saddle club a letter letting them know that we would like to change the contract. Bonilla moves to review the lease and post no camping signs. Ball seconds. Motion passed.

Application Fees, Gootnick- Action

Jordan Gootnick has requested to have his application fees that totaled \$1350.00 lowered to ½ the cost due to his canceling his applications before a decision was finalized. Cost breakdown was made of each application. Council discussed the staff fees and advertising fees that had been invested into the Gootnick application process. Fees remain at \$1350.00. No motion needed.

Employee Benefits- Action-

Schindler reviewed work session plan. Public works would get a \$200.00 yearly allowance for safety gear: coats, boots, gloves, etc. Clerk would get \$200.00 monthly to go towards the portion she pays towards a separate plan. . Clerk will go through the CCATT holding file and scan important information and send to Bart. Topic will continue as a goal for the next budget session.

Consent Agenda-

- December 2020 Claims- Review of monthly claims. Bonilla moves to second, Hansen seconds. Motion passed.
- December 2020 minutes- Ball moves to approve with spell check. Hansen seconds. Motion Passed.
- Past due accounts- Discussed past due accounts.

Staff Reports-

**Discussion-**

- Small Grant Ideas- Council will send Clerk Beard ideas as they are able.
- Covid Updates as Needed- Discussion was made of the different groups that are meeting within Teton County.
- Snow Plane Rally Updates- Discussion followed on volunteers, food and plans for the upcoming Snow Plane Rally on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

**Adjourn Meeting-**

Ball moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM. Schindler seconds. Meeting adjourned.

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Brent Schindler / Mayor

Date

Attest: Jacquelyn M Beard / Clerk

Date