

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 (virtual), Mandy Rasmussen, Aaron Hansen and Mayor Brent Schindler. Ryan Bonilla is absent. Also in attendance: City Attorney Bart Birch and Public Works Director Clint Moulton.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ACTION ITEMS

Comprehensive Plan Contract Approval- Action

Rob Heuseveldt, with Sunrise Engineering, presented the proposed comp plan update contract to the Council. Councilman Hansen asked the question about having virtual meeting updates instead of them all in person to help mitigate costs. He also asked what the average city size Sunrise Engineers have worked with on comprehensive plans. Rob assured the Council that contract costs would not be exceeded unless the Council specifically ask for something else to be added to the plan. Hansen moves to approve the comprehensive plan as presented. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.

Teton Valley Housing, Funding Request- Action

Mayor Schindler reviewed a past conversation the City Council had about potentially supporting the Teton Valley Housing Authority. Hansen moves to approve the \$300 invoice. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- December Claims
 - Hansen moves to approve the claims as presented. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.
- December Minutes
 - Rasmussen moves to approve the December minutes with clerical edits. Ball seconds. Hansen abstains because he was absent in December. Mayor votes aye to make full quorum, motion carries.
- 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

Updates were given. No new enforcements.

DISCUSSION

Supplemental Insurance Offer-

Clerk Beard explained the options again regarding the optional supplemental insurance and explained how it's a personal policy and not a City sponsored program.

Letter of Interest for Waste Water, review by Sunrise Engineering-

Rob Heuseveldt discussed having Sunrise Engineers submit a letter of interest on behalf of Tetonia for a potential Wastewater DEQ grant.

Drinking Water Facility Planning Study, Update for Forsgren- Dave Noel from Forsgren Engineers reviewed the submitted FPS (Facility Planning Study) for Tetonia Drinking Water and reviewed a list of needed improvements that was found. Tank storage, fire hydrant coverage and water rights were all discussed further. Dave suggested that Tetonia start chasing funding 5 years before we think we will actually be needing it. Water rates were discussed, he explained an affordable rate and a reasonable rate are different and don't always align. Rates should be 2% of the median household income for each utility individually, water and sewer. Dave also touched on population growth in Tetonia. The next step is for City Council to decide to accept the study or not. Once approved, a public meeting will be held to discuss the study for anyone wanting more information. The final step would be to pursue funding for projects flagged within the study. Mayor Schindler asked for comments and/or other questions from the City Council to be ready for discussion in the February council meeting.

Park Block Grant Progress, Update

A quick review was made of the status of the park block grant. Engineers and ALTURA report that everything is on schedule.

January 18th 2025, Snow Plane Rally Volunteers

A reminder was given about the upcoming Snow Plane Rally.

Local Option Tax Education-

State statute states that tax districts need to have 11 months in between elections regarding Taxing Districts. Mayor Schindler would like to push more education about the Local Option Tax to the residents over the next months. Discussion of how to get residents educated about the proposed tax were discussed. Suggested options were to get flyers translated to Spanish, include blurbs in the monthly Newsletter, door to door flyers and open houses.

Open Meeting Law Review-

Mayor Schindler reviewed the Open Meeting Law. He reviewed scenarios of where it would and would not be appropriate to discuss City business as a refresher for City Council Mayor Schindler also reiterated that if Council ever had questions regarding this particular policy, to reach out for education options.

Mayor Updates-

- Mayor will be attending the Legislation day in Boise to represent the City this month.
- Mayor stated that January has been busy and that December had been a productive month.
- Clint has made many repairs to the sewer lagoons and saved expenses from hiring the work out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION per IC 74-206:

Hansen moves to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 to discuss pending litigation per roll call vote: Hansen- Yes, Rasmussen- Yes, Ball- Yes, and Schindler-Yes.

Executive session begins at 8:27pm

Exec session to discuss pending litigation ends 8:44pm.

ADJOURN MEETING

Ball moved to adjourn at 8:45pm; Rasmussen seconds. The motion carried unanimously.

Brent Schindler, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jacque Beard, City Clerk