

City of Tetonia
Tetonia City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Public Hearing Minutes
City Hall- 3192 Perry Avenue
January 20th, 2020
7 PM



OPEN MEETING

- Call to order by Mayor Hoopes at 7:02 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor

Roll Call by City Clerk- In attendance is: Gloria Hoopes, Aaron Hansen, Tom Abbott, Brent Schindler and Blaine Ball.

Also in attendance is: City attorney Bart Birch, Public Works Director Mitch Beard, Julia Tellman, Ron Berry, Richard Dodge, Brandon Wood, Rick and Heather Edwards and Sam Hahn.

PUBLIC HEARING- Rezone property to multiple use district and R2- Mayor Hoopes opened public comment.

Mayor Hoopes asked for comments of those in favor of rezoning properties. Representative of Paul Neasth, Sam Hahn, spoke in his favor about responsible development plans and about hopeful plans of developing the land.

Opposed of changing is Ron Berry, business owner of Berry Oil, asked why the City was selling property in the first place. Mayor Hoopes answered that the City doesn't necessarily need the money but the grain elevator is deteriorating and if someone could save the elevator the City would be in favor. Ron Berry expressed concern about not changing the zone before it goes to public auction. He asked if there would be multiple restrictions on property and stated that he was always interested in the property as well.

Clerk Beard stated that Ben Kaufman, owner of neighboring grain elevator, came in previously and spoke in opposition of the zone change.

Neutral Comments were Richard Dodge. He asked if not this time for development then what? He is in favor of progress for the City, but is not sure what that would be.

Planning and Zoning recommendation was for the change of zone with an adjustment in the stop line near Berry Oil. Council reviewed minutes from their previous meeting.

Councilor Hansen suggested that he would like to wait on the zone change until after it is put out to public auction. He also stated that he was opposed to residential in the proposed residential suggestion. Hansen asked about an easement across the property if it would change the Neasth's standpoint on possibly buying the property.

Mayor Hoopes suggested to table issue for further discussion.
Mayor Hoopes closed public comments at 7:29 PM.

Action Items

Swear in City Councilmen and Mayor- Action Clerk Beard swore in Mayor Gloria Hoopes. Mayor Hoopes followed by swearing in Councilors Blaine Ball, Aaron Hansen and Brent Schindler.

Ordinance to re-zone property to multiple use district and R2-

Abbott would like to see it go to bid and whoever buys it can then go through the rezone process. Ball and Hansen agree. Schindler moves to table proposed ordinance draft 2020-01 until more discussion and info can be gathered. Abbot Seconds. Motion passed.

Train Car/Zoning- Rick and Heather Edwards asked about moving a train car onto their personal rented property. She updated them about the history of the train car in question. She stated that they would hire an architect to redesign when the time came. City attorney Bart Birch suggested going to Jason Letham, Tetonia Building Inspector, to get answers to their questions. No motion needed.

Approval of lot split application for 3027 Letham Avenue – Brandon Wood reviewed his site plan with the council and stated he would add a home for his elderly parents on the lot he was proposing. He would like to keep properties separate to protect his investment. Schindler moves to approve lot split, Hansen seconds. Motion approved.

Ordinance to amend the City code in regards to penalties- Discussion was made of animal codes and talked that Ashley, Tetonia City Planner, would need to update the animal section of code. Code also needs to have added “exception for some pre-approved events” to curfew times on curfew limits section. Hansen moves to approve as presented with amendments. Schindler seconds. Motion passes.

Clerk Accounting Training Clerk Beard asked the City Council to approve her to take an online accounting class to help learn the bookkeeping skills. Schindler moves to approve class, Hansen seconds. Motion passes.

Vote in new chairman of City Council- Councilman discussed duties of a Council Chairman. Ball nominates Abbott to stay on as Chairman, Hansen seconds nomination. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda- Action

- Minutes from December 2019- Schindler moves to approve minutes with spelling errors corrected. Hansen seconds. Motion passed.
- December 2019 Claims- Hansen moves to approve claims from December 2019, Schindler seconds. Motion passed.
- Past Due Accounts – Discussion on past due accounts.

Staff Reports-Included in packets –

Discussion-

- Review of violation /penalty proposed ordinance- No further questions.
- Employee benefits review. Clerk Beard reviewed phone plans and compared price savings. Council was in agreement to switch plan providers for the office phone, clerk phone and public works phones. No motion needed.
- Update grant ideas- Filled out grant review.
- Snow plane rally- Revenue and costs were discussed.

Executive Session by roll call vote per Idaho code 74-206A to discuss personnel.

Hansen moves to enter into Executive session per Idaho code 74-206A, Schindler seconds. By roll call: Hansen, I. Abbott, I. Schindler, I. Ball I. Executive session starts.

Adjourn Meeting-

Meeting is adjourned.

Gloria J Hoopes / Mayor

Date

Jacquelyn M Beard / Clerk

Date