



## **OPEN MEETING**

- Call to order by Mayor Schindler at 7:00 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Brent Schindler.

Roll Call by City Clerk. In attendance is: Cody Green, Ryan Bonilla, Aaron Hansen, Blaine Ball and Brent Schindler.

Also in attendance is City attorney Bart Birch and Public Works Director Clint Moulton.

Public in attendance: Rob Heuseveldt from Sunrise Engineering and Danielle Clegg from Teton Valley News.

## **Public Comment, limited to 3 minutes per person**

Mayor Schindler opened up for public comments.

No public present.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

## **Action Items**

### Approval and swearing in of new Council members and Mayor- Action

Hansen moves to approve and swear in Council members and Mayor. Green seconds. Motion passed.

### Engineer Contracting and Review / Sunrise Engineering –Action

Rob Huesavelt discussed what his company, Sunrise Engineering, can bring to the City of Teton. He spoke on the different areas of workings for small cities and how his company can assist the City Staff in the everyday things as well as the larger projects.

Rob reviewed how his contract billing would work and reviewed that there is no retainer fee for nonuse. Further discussion was made that if his services are used on land use applications then those costs could be passed on to the applicant.

Hanse moves to approve the proposed Sunrise engineering contract. Ball seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

Clerk then discussed how approvals would work for budgeting purposes going forward.

### Update Council President- Action

The Mayor spoke about what a great job Blaine has done as the City Council President the last 4 years.

Green moves to approve Ball as Council President, Blaine accepts, Hansen seconds the motion. Motion approved.

### Local Option Tax, Resort City Coalition- Action

Discussion was held about the pros and cons of Tetonia implementing a Local Option Tax, also known as the "tourist tax". This could be a tax on different taxable options within the City. For example short term rentals, liquor, or general sales tax items. The process was reviewed and broke down into steps. More information will be gathered and a special meeting will be held to give the businesses and residents a chance to be part of the discussion as well as to ask any questions.

Special work meeting will be held in February. No motion made.

### Consent Agenda-Action

- December 2023 Claims-  
Hansen moves to approve the December claims as well as adding Jason Letham's reimbursement of \$750 for building inspection licenses and materials. Green seconds. Motion passed.
- December 2023 Minutes-  
Ball moves to approve the December minutes with clerical edits. Bonilla seconds. Motion passed.
- Past Due Accounts-  
Past due accounts were discussed. No motion needed.

#### Staff Report Review-

Verbal reports given by Clerk and PW.

Clint updated Council on the well #2 leak that was found and how it was repaired. He also spoke about wanting to add well 1 onto the scada for control and monitoring purposes. He also fixed block heater in the S-10 pickup.

Clerk has been working on year end reports and taxes. Event updates were also given.

#### Enforcements/ Compliance Updates- Action

- Alleyways- Mayor would like to review alleyway rights with the City Engineer.
- Business Licenses- 8/20 have not renewed yet as of 01/20/2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> notice letters have been sent.

#### Discussion-

##### Council Book Updates-

The Mayor reviewed some council handbook updates that included open meeting laws and other council member communication policies, land use topics and other disclosure policies. He gave the Council the opportunity to ask questions to make sure everyone was up to date with the current City, State and Federal requirements.

##### Mayor Updates-

- Late fee policy was discussed.
- Ice rink is ready for the Tetonia Elementary.
- Food Pantry update. Food for Good program is still operating in Tetonia on Wednesday.
- Had issue with joy riders in the City Park driving on the grass.
- Clerk and Mayor had a conversation with Valley of the Teton Library about communication.
- School cross walk lights are hopefully fixed. He asked everyone to continue to watch for any malfunctions so that they can be reported to the school.

##### Event Updates-

- Snow Plane Rally will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Blaine, Brent, Ryan, Aaron, Cody all agreed to volunteer.
- Gingerbread House Contest. Contest is over but was successful.
- Blood Drive held in December was very successful. The next Tetonia blood drive will be held in June 2024.

##### Executive session per IC74-206 to discuss - Action

No executive session called.

#### Adjourn Meeting-

Hansen moves to adjourn, Ball seconds. Meeting ends at 8:19 PM.

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Brent Schindler / Mayor

Date

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Jacquelyn M Beard / Clerk

Date