

City of Tetonia
Tetonia City Council
July 8th, 2025 @ 7PM

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

ACTION ITEMS

ALTURA, Park Project Design Presentation and Bid Document Approval- Action

Representatives from Forsgrens updated the Council on the park/block grant process. They asked what in-kind donations the City would be able to provide. They asked if the City to provide the demolition of the basketball court, prepping the bathroom site and installing the water and sewer connections as in-kind donations towards this project. This would help the park project stay within budget.

Danny from Forsgrens handed out the bid documents and talked through further details of the bathrooms.

Forsgrens requested to be put on the August agenda to keep moving plans forward.

No motions made.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Water/Sewer Study Funding- Action

The proposed MOU was discussed and it was suggested to keep the edited contact wording as well as add an additional section of capping any needed drinking water study updates to \$15,000.

Ball moves to approve the MOU with the addition of the water study clause. Rasmussen seconds. 3 ayes, 1 abstain (Hansen). Motion passed.

RFQ Process for General Engineering Services-Action

A draft RFQ proposal document was reviewed by the Council that would allow the City to have an engineering roster that is legally approved for a certain number of years without having to send out a new RFQ for each project. The process would include a 3 week window to accept proposals, then have a

City selected review committee of 3 or 4 people to review submittals the City receives. Additional wording was discussed to possibly include in the draft RFQ.

Hansen moves to approve the RFQ proposal subject to legal council approval. Bonilla seconds. Motion approved. Hansen moves to approve the Mayor's selection of the review committee for the RFQ. Bonilla seconds. Motion approved.

Park Sprinkler Repairs-Action

Mayor Schindler updated the Council about a few sections of the Ruby Carson Park that the current sprinklers are not reaching. It was suggested that a new line would need to be added. The Pocket park also has some sprinkler line leakage that affects the pressure as well as not having any timers or shut off valves. Mayor Schindler suggested pricing the projects out with one of two other landscapers to review at a later time.

No motion made.

Lawn Mower Purchase- Action

The only City lawn mower was in the shop for almost 2 months. It was returned from the shop and was down again the same day. While the mower was in the shop the City relied on volunteers to bring their personal mowers to help mow the Ruby Carson Park and the Pocket Park, which is not an easy thing to rely on other people who may or may not be able to help with mowing. Discussion was made as to whether or not to purchase a new mower to have a working backup at all time. Prices were discussed but the decision was made to wait until next budget year to make any mower purchases.

No motions made.

Surplus Property Resolution 2025-03- Action

Review was made of the list of surplus property included in the proposed resolution.

The bleachers at the Rodeo Grounds have wood panels that are rotten and will cost more in parts and labor to replace than to purchase new. Discussion regarding the old, metal farm implements will be weighed and sold for scrap metal cost. The old John Deere lawn mower will be taken to the landfill, and the aluminum pipes from the sewer lagoon will be recycled.

Rasmussen moves to approve the surplus property resolution 2025-03 as presented. Hansen seconds. Motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

- June Claims-
 - Clerk requested that an invoice also be included for the Coffee Garage Mechanic for \$275 as well as for City Planner, Ashley Koehler's planning invoice for June for \$1350. Bonilla moves to approve the claims as presented with the two additional invoices listed above. Ball seconds. Motion passed.
- June Minutes-
 - Ball moves to approve the June 10th and the June 24th minutes with clerical edits. Rasmussen seconds. Motion approved.

- Past due accounts were reviewed by the Mayor and the Council. Notice letters will be sent to the accounts that were flagged as past due.
- Staff reports were presented and reviewed.

ENFORCEMENTS, COMPLIANCE UPDATES

One of the complaints were made this month was over Guinea Hens making too much noise, the neighbors were able to resolve the situation themselves.

Other noncompliance issues were reviewed.

DISCUSSION

Teton Valley Housing Authority Update-

Jerod Phiffer presented to the City Council, the Teton Valley Housing Authority yearly breakdown and action plan.

Jerod said they would like to assist Tetonia in: Affordable units for housing and creating an administration stewardship program for Persi eligible work force. Jerod said the best time to implement these strategies was 15 years ago and the next best time is now and he recognizes that it's a work in progress.

Further general discussion was made about the program.

Water/ Sewer Ordinance Draft Review-

Rob Heuseveldt reviewed the current Tetonia Water and Sewer ordinances and asked for a few items to be further clarified. He broke down each section and suggested potential wording changes that may be made to help protect the City infrastructure.

Rob will come back with a red line draft of the suggested edits at a later date for review.

Rodeo Grounds Priority List

Jim Jackson from the Tetonia Rodeo Grounds Committee reviewed the priority list that the Committee had put together of the items listed for future improvements. They detailed out priorities and wish list items.

Budget Updates-

A special meeting will be held on July 15th.

Mayor Updates

- LHTAC Church/School safety project will be discussed more in depth on the 7/15/25 meeting.
- A local property may want to close a portion of the road to be able to clean up a property.

- Mayor has been able to restart the sewer lift station when needed.
- AOI meeting is scheduled with the county and the Mayor is planning on keeping things as expansive as possible.
- Teton County weeds will be helping to spray weeds out at the sewer lagoons. The Mayor will be helping with this.
- Mayor Schindler applied for a food grant to assist the Food for Good programs held in Tetonia on Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION per IC 74-206 to discuss personnel

Hansen moves to go into executive session per Idaho code 74-206 to discuss Personnel by roll call vote.
Ball seconds. Motion passed.
By Roll Call: Ball- Yes, Hansen- Yes, Bonilla- Yes, Rasmussen- Yes.
Executive session begins.

Executive session ends at 9:11. City personnel issues were discussed.

ADJOURN MEETING

Ball moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM. Hansen seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Brent Schindler, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jacque Beard, City Clerk