City of Tetonia
Tetonia City Council
Regular Meeting @ 7PM
07/09/2024, Meeting Minutes



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: Aaron Hansen, Blaine Ball, Ryan Bonilla, and Brent Schindler.

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

Public in attendance: Todd Stoughton, Joey Hansen, Mandy Rasmussen, Skyler Kauf, Jerod Pfeffer, Rick Miller, Shae Richardson, Wade Richardson and Danielle Clegg from Teton Valley News.

Public Comment, limited to 3 minutes per person

Todd Stoughton wanted to discuss how the public comment portion on the meetings worked. He also asked the Council why the City wouldn't disclose the names of people who make the complaints against other properties.

Todd further commented about his concern about snow storage on his lot due to a new development near his property. He would like to see a parking plan that would have the snow put somewhere other than his lot. He also commented that he would like to use the City fire hydrant to be able to wet down his property to help deter fires. He asked why anyone would want to connect to city water on a commercial lot. He also commented about people leaving their cars parked on streets overnight because sometimes they leave their cars in the way for several days at a time.

No other public present asked to speak at this time. Mayor Schindler closed the public comments at 7:14 pm.

Mayor Schindler quickly spoke of Councilman Cody Green's resignation and that Mandy Rasmussen has been selected to fill the vacant Council position. Mayor Schindler stated that no votes could be taken tonight because of lack of public notice but that Mandy would be sworn in on July 16th at the next special Council meeting to meet the appropriate public notice.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

Action Items:

Rick Miller, ALTURA/ Block Grant - Action

Rick introduced himself and his company, ALTURA, to the Council. He reviewed the types of projects that he has helped both municipalities and private clients with.

Rick brought up the park project that had been discussed in November of 2023. The City had been waiting on information to see if an updated salary survey within the City would be needed. Rick spoke that the recent Census data showed that Tetonia would qualify for a block grant without a new Salary Survey at this time.

Rick asked the Council what specific improvements Tetonia would like to see in the City Park. Community involvement would be needed and welcomed and he suggested sending out a community survey asking what people would like to see the most. Some ideas were ADA compliant restrooms, lighting updates, new playground equipment, pickle ball courts, etc.

He suggested ideas of what could fit within the funding scope. Thing would need to be identified if an engineer would be needed, as well as park attendance numbers that the City could provide. This particular Block Grant applications is due the 3rd Friday of September, so action would need to be fast.

Rick is asking for approval from the Council to move forward with the application process for a small fee around \$3500. If awarded the grant, another contract would be needed to move forward to comply with the State standards. Rick would need ideas before the

end of July as to the direction of improvements. Hansen moves to move forward with the application including the fee. Ball seconds. Motion approved.

Teton Valley Housing Authority- Action

Jerod addressed the Council and updated them on his new role at the Teton Valley Housing Authority. He briefed the council on what affordable housing is and what the realistic housing costs should be. In a past survey, he told that the Valley would need 1600 more employee housing units in Teton Valley including in Tetonia. He expanded on other affordable housing projects his group has helped with in Teton Valley like Depot Square in Driggs and Sherman Park in Victor. Jerod asked if Tetonia could provide any funding to help keep Tetonia "at the table" in the future discussions. Mayor Schindler asked Jerod what the Housing group could do to help Tetonia. Jerod said that they could help with projects as land comes available and could help with infrastructure support for developments. Councilman Bonilla asked how land would become available for a project like that. Jerod suggested one option of a public/private partnership for tax credit incentives.

Other Council feedback was that Tetonia had helped with the housing crisis by allowing ADU's in the City Code to help increase density. Other Council questions were how to deter Jackson overflow and to keep housing for Valley workforce only. Mayor Schindler suggested talking about a donation number at the next budget meeting and updates would be given to Jerod after that. No motion needed.

Consent Agenda-Action

June 2024 Claims -

Bonilla moves to approve the June claims as presented claims. Ball seconds. Motion passed.

June 2024 Minutes-

Hansen moves to approve the presented June 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 Public Works.

Enforcements/ Compliance Updates- Action

A street light complaint letter came in from an anonymous person and was discussed.

Discussion:

<u>Silverstar / Broadband Project Updates</u>

Construction project updates of where easements will be, and other general planning were briefly discussed. Mayor Schindler told Council that City Staff would continue to have weekly work meetings with Silverstar to help with communication.

Local Option Tax Review and Discussion

Special meeting notices for the upcoming LOT (Local Option Tax) Open House was posted in the monthly newsletter, City website, City Facebook and as a blurb on the monthly utility statements.

Joey Hansen: Ordinance Discussion

Joey Hansen started by asking what the steps are for enforcements within the City when a complaint is made. She asked how complaints needed to be submitted and Mayor Schindler told her that it could be either oral or written but written is definitely the preferred way. Mayor Schindler stated that since we do not have an enforcement officer, many of our enforcements are triggered by a received complaint. Joey then detailed out the enforcement process of the camper on her property that had received complaints and had enforcement actions taken by the City in the past. She then asked why the City waited until she drove around and took pictures of all of the other campers in all of Tetonia and made complaints about all of them for the City to do any follow up on them as well. Mayor Schindler assured her this was not the case. Joey then read through 4 years of minutes that revolved around

camper violations and ordinances as well as water and sewer connection ordinances and stated that she felt singled out. Mayor Schindler stated that all of the violations felt singled out but the City was consistent in its approach to all of the complaints.

FY2025 Budget Discussion

Quick review of budget draft.

Mayor Updates

- Mayor Schindler stated he would like to start the discussion of how to clean up the abandoned lots on Main Street.
- Mayor Schindler has a bid requested for the monument recovering. NO numbers have been submitted back yet.

Event Updates

- Upcoming open house for the Local Option Tax and Silverstar Project.
- FY25 Budget and special meeting July 16th.
- TCA 2024 on July 27th. This year a car show will be added to the events. Volunteers needed.

Executive session per IC74-206 - Action

Adjourn Meeting-			
Hansen moves to adjourn the i	meeting at 8:49 pm. B	all seconds. Meeting adjourned.	
Brent Schindler / Mayor	 Date	Jacquelyn M Beard / Clerk	 Date