

March 1, 2021

Dear Tetonia friends,

It is with sadness that we said goodbye to Mayor Gloria Hoopes last month. She loved Tetonia and had a wonderful vision for our town. We will miss her. Happily many of us share her vision for Tetonia and I can assure you that we will carry on with her positive vision for Tetonia.

I am humbled to step in as Mayor's Hoopes' replacement as Tetonia's mayor. As many of you know, I have served on the Tetonia City Council for the past couple years -- initially by appointment and then by election. I was appointed by the City Council during our recent February meeting. It will be an honor to serve you in this role. On the reverse side of this newsletter, I have included my vision for Tetonia.

For those of you who don't know me well, my family and I live in the home built in 1915 by my wife's great-grandfather - Hyrum Egbert. I taught music at Tetonia Elementary, Driggs Elementary and Rendezvous Upper Elementary for several years. I am currently teaching several classes at Teton High School including U.S. Government, Law and history. I also serve as the Drama Director and Speech and Debate Coach at Teton High School. I love working with the youth in our valley. We LOVE Tetonia! We LOVE our Tetonia heritage. As you know, we all live in one of the most beautiful parts of the world!

I plan to do a walking tour of Tetonia over the next several weeks so I can meet with all of you! I hope to do these visits during the evenings and on Saturdays. I look forward to visiting with you!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas you have for our town. You can email me at mayor83452@cityoftetonia.com. You can also call or text me at 989-327-5919. I may not be able to answer your call during the school day but I will return your calls as soon as possible. You can always contact Jacque at the City Offices with any questions. Her number is 208-456-2249 or her email is Clerk@cityoftetonia.com.

I have a couple requests:

-- Be sure to keep your garbage cans out of the roadway where the snow plow needs to plow. We want your garbage cans to be accessible for pick-up -- without impeding our ability to plow.

-- When you are shoveling YOUR snow, please keep it out of the roadway.

-- Let's continue to be excellent neighbors during these difficult times.

Let Jacque or me know if you have any questions about the Coronavirus vaccine or if you need help signing up for a vaccine.

We will keep you updated on our City Webpage and Facebook page.

Warmly yours,
Mayor Brent Schindler

My goals as Mayor of the City of Teton to be as follows:

-- **Protect the rich heritage of Teton.** Teton has a rich history and heritage that we need to preserve and protect with pride.

-- **Allow for smart growth.** Teton is a uniquely charming small city. The residents are friendly and courteous. We enjoy a wonderful sense of community in Teton. While growth is inevitable, we need to ensure that we maintain our sense of community and unity in Teton.

-- **Support the need for affordable housing in Teton Valley.** We need to ensure that all residents and workers in Teton Valley have affordable housing opportunities. We need to do this in a planned and coordinated manner.

-- **Work closely and cooperatively with Driggs, Victor, Felt, our schools and Teton County.** The towns and county share many resources in Teton Valley. We need to work together to support the best schools, infrastructure, services and accommodations for our residents. We need to make sure we support safe and wholesome activities for our youth. We can only succeed if we work together.

-- **We need to keep our communities safe.** Teton is a safe place to live and a wonderful place to raise a family. We need to keep Teton safe!

-- **We need to continue to protect our constitutional rights.** Teton has a history of protecting people's personal and civil rights. We need to continue to do so for our current and future generations.

-- **We need to always be fiscally responsible.** Teton has a small budget that we need to spend wisely and prudently. We need to make sure that expenditures are necessary and that they are spent wisely.

-- **We need to promote activities in Teton which bring us together.** Our city activities need to give us a sense of pride for our community and help us work together in a unified manner.

-- **We need to celebrate our differences but come together in unity.** Through our differences, we can be stronger as we come together to maintain a community that meets the needs of everyone. To the extent possible, we need to resolve our differences.

-- **We need to support our businesses.** Our businesses are important to our town. We need to make sure that our businesses have the support that they need to be successful.

-- **Ensuring we have practical and common-sense city ordinances; enforcing this ordinances fairly.**

-- **We need to LISTEN to our residents!**