City of Tetonia
Tetonia City Council
Regular Meeting @ 7PM
05/14/2024, 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. Cody Green is absent.

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

Public in attendance: Scott Kauf, Weston Miller, Michael Adams, Marlin Avery and Oswaldo Chavez.

Public Comment, limited to 3 minutes per person

No public present asked to comment at this time. Public comment closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Ordinance 2024-01, Mailbox Standards

Mayor Schindler opens up the public hearing.

Weston Miller, Tetonia Postmaster, was in attendance and stated that the mail boxes were in compliance where they were at on the sidewalk. He also told the Council that the mailboxes were federal property and that the post office would not support the moving of the boxes for several reasons. City attorney, Bart Birch, stated that federal law does take priority of State and Local laws but that doesn't mean that certain laws don't still need to be followed by the Post Office and that both entities could still compromise. Weston stated that the mail routes are federal law and hard to change. Agreement would need to be made from customer, City and Post Office to be able to move the mail receptacles. Other discussion was made about the reason behind asking for the mail boxes on main street to be moved to P.O. Boxes which is to allow for the sidewalks to be plowed in the wintertime with the equipment that the city currently has. Currently the sidewalks are not plowed because the space between the mailboxes and the personal property is so narrow that City equipment can not fit. School kids and other pedestrians currently will walk on the highway due to no plowed sidewalks.

No other public present asked to comment for this proposed ordinance.

Public Hearing closed.

Action Items:

Approval of Ordinance 2024-01, Mailbox Standards- Action

Other discussion was made about the reason behind asking for the mail boxes on main street to be moved to P.O. Boxes to allow for the sidewalks to be plowed in the wintertime with the equipment that the city currently has. School kids currently will walk on the highway due to no plowed sidewalks.

City Council continued to discuss other options that could help the City with safety as well as not over burden the Tetonia Post Office. It was agreed that even if the ordinance passed, it still stated that post office mailbox requirements would be followed and it would only serve as a starting point to continue on with this subject.

Ball moves to approve Ordinance 2024-01 by title only and consider thrice read. Hansen seconds. Motion approved.

Transportation Policy- Action

Review was made of the proposed vehicle use policy for the City of Tetonia. This policy was an administrative approval by the Mayor. No motion needed.

Arbor Day Proclamation- Action

Hansen moves to approve the 2024 Arbor Day Proclamation as amended. Bonilla seconds. Motion passed.

Rick Miller, Salary Survey Review- Action

Rick Miller was not in attendance. No motion made.

Tetonia Library Internet Project- Action

Discussion was made of the project scope to install internet to the Tetonia Library Building. Discussion was made of asking Silverstar to donate the conduit. Failing that donation, the City agreed to purchase the conduit and do the trenching labor that is required. The Teton Valley Library would then pay for the rest of the cost associated with the connection as well as the ongoing costs.

Tetonia Rodeo Grounds Advisory Committee Appointments- Action

Blaine updated the Council about the first meeting that was held by the newly formed Tetonia Rodeo Grounds Advisory Committee. He commented on the excitement and enthusiasm the group had to start working towards getting the grounds operational again. Bonilla moves to approve the Mayor's appointments of the members of the committee as: Kayden Driggs, Shawnia Tonks and Denise Daigh would be 3 year terms, Walker Nygren and Kim would be 2 year terms. Ball seconds. Motion passed.

Scott Kauf commented and offered Tetonia Club as fundraising location for this cause if needed in the future.

Bonilla moves to reopen the public comment portion for public that arrived to the meeting late. Hansen seconds. Motion passed. Clarification was made that comments would be limited to 3 minutes and that no council discussion would be made after said comments.

Michael Adams stated that he wanted to check on the status of water line project regarding his building project that is requiring a mainline to be installed. He stated that he would like to see the City pay for the entire project as well as increase the size of the main line to be able to better service the 8 new residential units Adam's is building within the City.

Consent Agenda-Action

April 2024 Claims -

Hansen moves to approve the April claims as presented claims. Ball seconds. Motion passed.

April 2024 Minutes-

Bonilla recuses himself due to his absence at the last meeting. Hansen moves to approve the presented April minutes with clerical edits, Ball seconds. Mayor votes Aye to make a full quorum. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

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 Camper/Resident complaint was submitted to the City. A formal letter was served. A follow up was made by visual inspection and it could not be determined if there was still a resident living inside the camper. Further investigations will be made.

Discussion:

<u>Area of Impact Discussion and Updates-</u> Mayor Schindler updated the council on the upcoming work session to discuss the AOI (Area of Impact) agreement. The Mayor commented that he liked the cluster option as well as asking people to help with infrastructure updates.

Ball asked if our current ordinances required any subdivisions to require a common ground for mail boxes.

Other questions asked were about density vs. capacity limits. A draft will be sent to Sunrise Engineer for a second opinion. Lot sizes were discussed to see what the best fit for Tetonia is and that 30 acre annexations were not realistic. We need more flexibility for lot splits in the AOI.

Local Option Tax Review and Discussion

Brief discussion made about hosting open meetings to answer any resident or business questions regarding a Local Option Tax. Topic will be continued to next meeting.

Set FY2025 Goals- The Council was asked to come back with ideas for FY25 goals for the next Council meeting.

FY2025 Budget Priority Discussion

Already scheduled work session dates were reviewed.

Mayor Updates

- Jared helped get Public Works back on track with a land app testing schedule.
- A High School senior has been helping paint lines at Tetonia Elementary School.
- Volunteers helped weed the softball field. Looks good.
- Conversations were started about the monument update, nothing solid yet.

Event Updates

- -Blood Drive is coming up on June 13th
- TCA 2024 on July 27th. This year a car show will be added to the events.

Executive session per IC74-206 - Action

Hansen moves to go into executive session per IC 74-206 to discuss pending litigation by roll call vote.
Ball- Yes
Hansen- Yes
Bonilla- Yes
Executive session starts at 8:21 PM.

Executive session discussing pending litigation, ends at 8:53pm.

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Hansen moves to adjourn the i	meeting at 8:54 pm. B	sall seconds. Meeting adjourned.	
Brent Schindler / Mayor	Date	Jacquelyn M Beard / Clerk	Date