City of Tetonia
Tetonia City Council
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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.

PUBLC HEARING:

FY25 Budget Amendment

Mayor opens up public comment period. No public present asked to comment. Public Hearing closed.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Amendment Approval- Action

Mayor Schindler reviewed the proposed budget amendment, Ball moves to approve the budget amendment as presented. Bonilla seconds. Motion approved.

Meter Pit, Rebekha Barrington- Action

Mayor Schindler reviewed with the Council regarding a broken meter pit. Rebekah Barrington was asked to replace her meter pit that was broken by a private plow. Rebekah stated that the meter is located on Central Street on the South side of Daves Pubb. She agreed it needs to be fixed and that it is a hazard. She does not agree and said that she should not have to pay for it because it's a public parking area. She said the City code is too broad of interpretation for the City to ask her to pay for the pit repair. Rebekah said she noticed the broken pit in the spring.

Discussion revolved around what standards are expected from property owners and that the City has been consistent about asking residents to replace their meter pits and meters or other water infrastructure that is tied to their property.

Rebekah suggested that she pay for ½ of the cost to replace the meter pit. Councilman Ball stated that while he believes it was damaged by a private plow, he would not oppose sharing the cost where there is no proof.

While no motion was needed, it was agreed that the City would purchase the meter pit and traffic rated lid and Barrington would provide the labor from a contractor with a public works license. Ball seconds, Hansen seconds. Motion approved.

Rodeo Grounds Groomer Purchase, Rodeo Grounds Updates-Action

Tyler Jones explained the pros and cons of purchasing a used groomer for use at the Tetonia Rodeo Grounds. The proposed purchase price is \$6500 for a used, Black Widow Groomer. Rasmussen moves to approve the purchase of the proposed groomer for use at the Tetonia Rodeo Grounds. Hansen seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

ICRMP Insurance Value Review-Action

Values were reviewed for each section of the City of Tetonia's policy and it was decided that a work session with the Mayor, Clerk and Councilman Hansen would be beneficial to research and get the most updated values before Oct. 1st. No motion needed.

Meter Reading System- Action

Discussion of how much money is lost from not being able to read meter overages throughout the Summer season was made. Discussion followed of what would be needed to get the current meter reading system operating again. No motion needed.

Engineering Project Proposals- Action

Joshua Balls presented a proposal for the School/Church Block upgrade as well as for an updated wastewater facility planning study. A reminder was given to the City Council of the recently signed MOU includes up to \$40k towards the proposed Wastewater Facility Planning Study (WWFPS).

Bonilla moves to approve the proposed WWFPS proposal as presented. Rasmussen seconds. Motion approved.

Discussion of the Traffic and School Route Upgrade was made. This would include shovel ready plans to submit for further grant opportunities as well as update the block leading to the Tetonia Elementary School.

Ball moves to approve the presented \$68,590 for the proposed project, Bonilla seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Ruby Carson Park Monument- Action

Mayor Schindler asked for another few weeks to gather donations towards refurbishing the Ruby Carson Park Memorial as well as to see if he can find another cheaper option that may be a good fit. He suggested pushing the decision to next month. No motions made at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

August Claims-

Hansen moves to approve the claims as presented with the additional 3 invoices as presented. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.

- August Minutes-
 - Ball moves to approve the August City Council meeting minutes with clerical edits. Bonilla 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

- -Noise complaints have been the most common complaint if the past few months.
- -Meter pits have been damaged in two other locations. Follow up will be made.
- -Fence Regulations were reviewed and discussed.
- -Camper complaints were received and followed up.

DISSCUSION

Flag Ranch Preliminary Subdivision- Area of Impact-

Ashley reviewed her staff report that reflected recommendations from the Planning and Zoning committee regarding the subdivision application that was submitted by Kevin Mayberry. This subdivision will be in the AOI.

Kevin reviewed his application for the Council and attention was paid to the plat note updates and building envelopes that were requested by Tetonia Planning and Zoning. Kevin stated that he will include a note in the CCR regarding the existing butcher plant so that the people who may purchase lots in the Flag Ranch Subdivision will know that there may be smells and early morning noise from the existing processing plant nearby.

Road easements, wells, water rights, utility easements and future roads were discussed in more detail.

Food Truck Regulations-

Request was made for the Tetonia Contract Planner, Ashley Koehler, to do a redline draft for clarification of the Food Truck/Roadside stand code section. City Council would like to keep these particular approvals to be made at the Planning and Zoning meetings.

Sewer Updates-

Cole Pendell reviewed the need to purchase a new VFD (variable-frequency drive) for the land app pump. The estimated cost of parts and labor would be about \$7000 to put a new one in. Cole also talked about how the chlorine pump is failing and how he was able to lower the flow to make the test numbers within range until we can get the chlorine pump replaced. He stated that he thinks Tetonia will need to upgrade to a new chlorine pump to be able to pump a higher volume of chlorine required by our Land

Application permit from DEQ. He estimated that the new chlorine pump would be about \$4000 to purchase and install.

Proposed Noise Ordinance-

Noise complaints are becoming more and more common. Discussion was made regarding enforcement and if Tetonia would benefit from forming its own noise ordinance instead of relying on State Statute. After council discussion, it was decided to keep noise complaint as state statute enforcement.

Fall, AIC Quarterly Meeting

A reminder was made about the upcoming quarterly AIC conference in Idaho Falls.

Mayor Updates

- Next week is Constitution week; Mayor Schindler will be giving a TES presentation.
- Need to canvas the City with Local Option Tax information.
- The Forest Service had crews camping at the City Park during fire season.
- Food rescue programs are still happening Monday and Wednesday of each week.
- Weed spray for the City Park had been received. Spraying has been delayed due to Forest Service campers.
- A special meeting is needed for budget corrections and will be held on Sept 30th at 7pm.
- The Work Camp crew came from St. Anthony and cut down trees at the rodeo grounds and also cut weeds from the sidewalk on Main Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION per IC 74-206(f) to discuss pending litigation.

Hansen moves to go into executive session per Idaho code 74-206(f) to discuss pending litigation by roll call vote. Ball seconds. Motion passed.

Ву	Roll	Call:	Ball-	Yes,	Hansen-	Yes,	Bonilla-	Yes,	Rasmussen-	Yes.	Motion	passed.

Executive session begins at 9:48 PM

Executive session to discuss pending litigation ends at 9:59 pm.

ADJOURN MEETING

Ball moves to adjourn the meeting at	9:59 PM. Hansen seconds. Meeting adjourned.	
	Attest:	
Brent Schindler, Mayor	Jacque Beard, City Clerk	