City of Tetonia Tetonia City Council Regular Meeting @ 7PM 03/12/2024, 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, Cody Green, Ryan Bonilla and Brent Schindler.

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

Public in attendance: Dave Noel, Kevin Harris, Rebekah Barrington, Michelle Walters, Danielle Clegg.

Public Comment, limited to 3 minutes per person

No public present asked to comment.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

Action Items

Audit Presentation- Action

The Audit rep from Jensen Poulsen and Company was unable to attend the meeting. No discussion or motions were made.

Summer/ Part Time Help- Action

Mayor Schindler proposed to start advertising for summer help early this year so that Tetonia can secure good help. Seasonal employees will be paid \$15/ hour with a year end bonus of \$200. Green moves to start the hiring process with the agreed upon wage package. Hansen seconds. Motion passed.

Park Monument- Action

The Ruby Carson Park memorial sign is in disrepair. Hansen moves to approve the purchase of a new metal sign for \$3000.00 Green seconds. Bonilla would like to see options of the monument being refurbished instead. Mayor Schindler would like to speak with Ron Berry about other mounting possibilities and will have an update at the next meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

Consent Agenda-Action

- <u>February 2024 Claims</u>-Ball moves to approve the February claims as presented. Bonilla seconds. Motion passed.
- <u>February 2024 Minutes-</u> Hansen moves to approve the February minutes with clerical edits. Ball seconds. Motion passed.
- <u>Past Due Accounts-</u> Past due accounts were discussed. No motion needed.

Staff Report Review

Verbal reports given by Clerk and Public Works.

Enforcements/ Compliance Updates- Action



• There has been several complaints about a snow storage pile across from a new building project on Central. The CUP that accompanied the particular property states that snow storage will be hauled away due to limited space. A reminder letter will be sent about CUP provisions regarding snow storage for next year.

Discussion-

- Local Option Tax, Resort City Coalition
 Mayor Schindler mentioned to some of the businesses that the City may be looking into this topic. Information will continue
 to be gathered for a future date.
- <u>Tetonia Business Council- July Event Discussion</u>

Rebekah Barrington and Michele Walters updated the Council about a new group, Tetonia Business Council (TBC), which was formed by a portion of the Tetonia Businesses. These few businesses have voted in Scott Kauf is the Chair, Rebekah Barrington as Secretary and Michele Walters will be the Vice Chair. Rebekah said that as soon as they get organized as a group they will reach out and invite the other Tetonia businesses to join them. Their group's goal is to partner with the City Council, partner with the TREC and partner with others as needed for success.

Rebekah then brought up the Tetonia Celebrates America event that Tetonia hosts each July and said that some of the Tetonia businesses wanted to have the event on the 4th instead, in the afternoon after the Victor activities are over. They also spoke how Scott wants to organize a bike race that would coordinate with the 4th events. Discussion of July event followed and the Council explained why Tetonia cannot compete with the neighboring cities for the date of the 4th and why the last weekend in July is the best fit. Not only due to police, ITD and other safety groups not having enough people to cover 2 large valley wide events at the same time, but the potential local vendors would most likely choose to go to the larger (Victor) event where more money could be made. Councilman Hansen suggested that the TBC could always rent out the park at any time to host events that they plan. They also spoke about other potential events the Tetonia Business Council may plan in the future.

• <u>Silverstar E-ACAM Broadband Presentation</u> No reps from Silverstar in attendance.

Water Study Update, Forsgren Engineering

Kevin Harris and Dave Noel, from Forsgren Engineering, presented about the upcoming DEQ water grant study. He spoke of well pumping capacity in accordance to our water rights, is it enough? He spoke of evaluating tank storage, water rights and of possible funding to increase tank storage. He also spoke of looping water lines that still have not been looped within the City. Dave spoke about how in 2011 we used 120,000 gallons a day, He estimated that the peak flow today could be 200,000 gallons a day. He spoke of ways to help cover the demand when the well can't pump as much or needing to acquire more water rights so that we can pump more water, and at a faster rate to be able to meet demand.

They then reviewed a list of priorities that they will be working on and reviewing. Looping water lines, locating gate valves, bringing valves up to road level with protective rings were some of the projects on the list. They will review fire flow and population projections, rate reviews and other master plans. Kevin will send a list of other needed information and will continue to set up progress meetings that would include Forsgren workers as well as City Staff. The goal is for bi-weekly progress meetings via zoom, during the four month process. They will present to the Council again in person when the project hits 50% of completion.

<u>Area of Impact Memo Review</u>

Discussion was made around Area of Impact updates that are being proposed. This subject is an ongoing work in progress.

Mailbox Discussion

Mayor Schindler updated the Council about having spoken to the USPS about the City asking for main street mail boxes to move to PO boxes to keep the sidewalks clear. More conversation will be made with the Post office about a future plan. Discussion of state regulations were as made.

Roadway Updates Discussion

Councilman Hansen asked about a possible cost share between the Church, the school and the City to update and possibly chip seal the horseshoe road that circles around the church and school. Mayor Schindler will speak to the Church and the school to see if a cost share could be agreed upon for the engineering services as well.

- <u>Tetonia Library Updates</u> Updates given about future VTL (Valley of the Tetons Library)
- <u>Mayor Updates</u> Claims update from questions regarding February invoices.
- <u>Event Updates</u>
 Upcoming events were quickly reviewed- The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 6th, the week after Easter due to Spring Break in Teton Valley.
 AIC meeting update on April 9th.

Executive session per IC74-206 to discuss pending litigation- Action Ball moves to go into exec session per IC74-204 to discuss pending litigation, Green seconds. Motion passed. Per roll call vote: Ball-yes, Hansen-yes, Green-yes, Bonilla-yes. Executive session starts at 8:35pm.

Executive session ends at 9:01

Adjourn Meeting-

Green moves to adjourn the meeting, Ball seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Brent Schindler / Mayor

Date

Jacquelyn M Beard / Clerk

Date