City of Tetonia Tetonia City Council Regular Meeting Minutes March 8th, 2021 @ 7PM



OPEN MEETING

- Call to order by Mayor Brent Schindler at 7:00 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor, Brent Schindler.

Roll Call by City Clerk- In attendance is: Aaron Hansen, Ryan Bonilla, Blaine Ball, and Brent Schindler. Also in attendance in person and by phone: City Attorney Bart Birch, Public Works Director Braiden Klingler, Jimmy Hatch, Nathan Marvilla, Ashley Koehler, Julia Tellman, Clint and Paige Lemieux, and Arnold Woolstenhulme.

Public Hearing: None

Action Items

Audit review presentation- Action

Nathan Marvilla reviewed the City of Tetonia fiscal year 2020 audit findings. Overall report was that the City Clerk did everything that was asked from the previous year's review. Ball moves to approve audit as presented, Bonilla seconds. Motion passed.

Appointment of new City Councilman-Action

Mayor Schindler updated the City Council, that 4 people were interested in the current open council seat. Mayor Schindler would like to appoint Jimmy Hatch to fill the seat that will be up for reelection this fall 2021. Jimmy (James) has water and sewer experience as well as planning and zoning experience. Hansen moves to approve James (Jimmy) Hatch as City Councilman. Ball seconds. Motion passed. Jimmy Hatch was sworn in by Mayor Brent Schindler.

Mayor's Memorial- Action

Councilman Bonilla reviewed his pocket park memorial plan. Ryan would like to propose to rename the pocket park to the Mayors Memorial Park. This place would be dedicated to past Mayors. He would like to be sprucing up the area with a plaque for past mayors. He would hold fundraisers and offer sidewalk plaques to "immortalize" family names. He found an architect to draw up the design pro-bono. MD would also help when they were able. Bonilla offered to continue to gather information to present at the next meeting. Discussion that followed was about money that would be needed and of other projects that are needing done first. Council was ok with Bonilla continuing to look into the pocket park improvements with the understanding that there is no budgeted money besides donations for this improvement plan. No motion needed at this time.

Proposed Subdivision-

Clint Lemieux explained that lot 1 will have the current house on its proposed 1.26 acres. Lot 2 will be included in the land swap which will include the proposed lot easement for the driveway. Lot 3 will be the proposed site of the new home. All the property included in plans are currently in the City of Tetonia. Lemieux is asking for an exception to add a septic system. Other questions about what the plans would be if lot 2 would also have water and sewer connection available. Ashley Koehler, City Planner, needs to see a utility plan from the Lemieux's. Ashley referred to 2 areas of the City Code that refers to all lots in City limits need to be developed with city and water sewer. Options revolved around installing a septic that would feed into the City lines. The cost of that is much cheaper than extending the City's main line. Ashley's point of concern is that a plan is submitted for where the utility connections will be.

Information that needs to come back with a plan for the utilities as well as a road plan. Council is ok with a septic with lift station that will feed into the City lines as well as a city water line connection. Hansen moves to approve the proposed preliminary plat and to have the applicant proceed with the subdivision plans with the above conditions, Bonilla seconds. Motion passed.

Winter water usage- Action

- 3084 Letham Avenue- Review was made of the situation and that the average of water usage this winter is 29,535 gallons. Ball moves to split the difference and have resident only to pay ½ of the overage due to being on a dead end line. Hansen seconds. Motion passes.
- 3059 Teton Avenue- Review was made of this property freezing and breaking meters which is costly for the City. Bonilla suggest a cost share option of moving the meter pit to prevent the constant freezing. Braiden will approach about the cost share option. Bonilla moves to approach property owners about a cost share options to relocate the water meter. Hansen seconds. Motion passed.

Enforcement Actions- Action

Review was made. No action taken.

<u>Tetonia Easter egg Hunt- Action</u>

Discussion about the Annual Tetonia Easter Egg hunt was made. This year, Stacey, who has done an excellent job in the past would no longer like to continue on with this event for health reasons. It was decided that with the short notice, that a window egg hunt with candy bars and prizes will be held this year. In future years, the City of Tetonia will take over the planning of a more traditional Easter Egg Hunt.

Consent Agenda-

- <u>February 2021 Claims-</u> Review of monthly claims was made. Bonilla moves to approve the proposed January 2021 claims, Hansen seconds. Motion passed.
- <u>February 2021 minutes-</u> Hansen moves to approve the February 2021 minutes with spell check. Ball seconds. Motion Passed.
- Past due accounts- Discussed past due accounts. No motion needed.

Staff Report Review- Clarifications were made on staff reports

Discussion-

- <u>Covid-19 Updates-</u> Mayor Schindler gave a quick update on EIPH lifting all mask mandates as of March 18th. Teton County requested a time to have their ordinances in place.
- <u>Emergency response system review-</u> A review was made of the emergency options for text and email updates through the City of Tetonia website was discussed.
- <u>Flower Fundraiser-</u> Tetonia will once again partner with Treehouse Nursery to have a hanging flower basket fundraiser.
- <u>City Goal Update</u>- Review was made of FY2021 goals.
- Open Meeting Training- Mayor Schindler did a quick review of what open meeting laws are expected to be followed.

| Adjourn Meeting- | | | |
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| Ball moves to adjourn. Hansen | seconds. Meeting ac | ljourned at 9:25PM. | |
| Brent Schindler / Mayor | Date | Jacquelyn M Beard / Clerk | Date |