City of Tetonia
Tetonia City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Council/Staff Holiday Gathering @ 6PM, -No Discussions
December 9, 2025 @ 7PM

OPEN MEETING

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

Roll Call by City Clerk – In attendance, Council members: Ryan Bonilla, Mandy Rasmussen, Blaine Ball and Mayor Brent Schindler. Aaron Hansen is absent. Also in attendance: City Attorney Bart Birch.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public present asked to comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ACTION ITEMS

Seniors West of the Tetons, Funding Request- Action
A request was made to Mayor Schindler to make an annual donation by the Seniors West of the Tetons. Discussion was made that no extra funds were budgeted for this fiscal year for a donation of that nature. Council was curious as to how much the other cities donate towards the SWOT annually. Discussion will be included for the FY27 budget.

No motion made.

Approval of Canvas Elections Results – Action
Mayor Schindler broke down the election canvas results that were provided by Teton County. Ball moves to approve the canvas election results. Rasmussen seconds. Bonilla nays. Motion passed 2 to 1.

Approval of Local Option Tax Ordinance- Action
The Local Option Tax Ordinance 2025-05 was approved by the majority of Tetonia voters. The next step is for the Council to confirm this Ordinance. Mayor Schindler asked for some very minor clerical edits to be made to Ordinance 2025-05.
Ball moves to suspend the rules and consider thrice read and to read by title only. Rasmussen seconds. Motion approved. Approval of ordinance 2025-05 by roll call vote: Rasmussen -Yes, Ball- Yes, Bonilla – Yes, Hansen- Absent. Motion approved.

Rezone Ordinance 2025-06- Action

City attorney Birch, commented that everything that was required to be noticed, published and provided was completed. Rasmussen moved to suspend the rules and consider thrice read and to be read by title only. Bonilla seconds. Approval of ordinance 2025-06 by roll call vote: Bonilla, Yes, Rasmussen-Yes, Ball- Yes, Hansen is absent. Motion passed.

Approval of Tetonia Liquor Licenses- Action

Bonilla moves to approve the three liquor licenses as presented. Daves Pubb LLC, Tetonia Club and Grand View General Store. Ball seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)- Action

Discussion was made of what the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) is, how it works, what the fees are and what the interest trends are. Other clarifications were made. This LGIP can transfer money back and forth within just a few days and there are no transfer limitations or fees. This Fund has the potential to increase interest revenue for the City.

Ball moves to close the City Edward Jones account and put the full amount of that investment into the LGIP and to move other funds into the LGIP at the discretion of the Treasurer. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.

Clearwater Financial Proposal- Action

This topic was asked to be moved to the January 2026 agenda.

Backup Lift Station Purchase- Action

Cole Pendell, contract public works operator for Tetonia presented the Tetonia lift station situation and cost breakdowns.

As of today, the City has one operational lift station. This station then uses 2 pumps inside of the wet well. Common practice is to keep a total of 3 pumps for a backup which would include the 2 operating and 1 backup pump. Cole walked the Council through how the pumps are pulled for repairs and how they operate. Cole recommends purchasing a new backup pump as well as all the necessary seals, a ceiling flange, and parts needed for a fully operational backup pump. This estimate would be around $15,000 and the cost to include the lifting bails would add another $3,000.

Brands of pumps were discussed and no preference was made. Questions of what the cost difference between rebuilding current pump is and starting new and Cole said that the pump is so worn that it can no longer be repaired. The total for all the needed parts is $16,652.41. Cole does not recommend purchasing the retrieval hook that was included in the proposed estimate.

The FY26 budget would need to be amended for this amount. Bonilla moves to approve the 2 estimates from MTN Valley, excluding the hook, and including an extra recommended sealing flange for the total of $16652.41. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- November Claims-

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

- November Minutes-
    - Bonilla moves to approve the presented November minutes with clerical edits. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.

- 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

- Mayor spoke of a complaint of someone living in a storage shed. He spoke with the neighbor, and they will help notify if the occupant comes back for an extended stay.
- Broken meter pit covers were discussed. Code updates may need to be made.

DISSCUSION

Know Be4 Training
Council was alerted as to who is behind on their Know-be4 training.

Area of Impact Update-
Rob Huesaveldt reviewed for the Council the past County work sessions and summarized the reasoning behind the new proposed AOI boundaries. Discussion was also made the Teton County Planner has been difficult to work with and has left this discussion to the last minute where we are now rushed to complete by the end of the year.
Clarifying notes were made. The rodeo grounds will be cut out of the AOI and a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) will be drafted. Updates were given as to which land use codes, County vs. City, would be used. Tetonia is asking for certain land use standards to apply so that a uniform design will show through the City and AOI.

Planner Contract Update-
Contract updates were reviewed for Tetonia City Planner, Ashley Koehler.

Impact Fee Discussion
Discussion was made about starting to look into Impact Fees for Tetonia. Tishler- Vice was a contractor recommended for impact fees.
Urban Renewal District help was also asked to be estimated.

Security and Alarm Discussion-
Mayor had discussed security options with a company, Coram, and would like to look at more options in the future when the city continues to grow.

Mayor's Updates
- TES presentation assembly is set for tomorrow.
- Thank you to Ryan Bonilla for his years of service on the Tetonia City Council.

- Discussion of purchasing a trailer for hauling equipment. Quote to follow in January.
- Social Media Page has 1600 followers!
- Crosswalk is not working anymore. David will look into options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session is needed.

ADJOURN MEETING

Ball moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. Rasmussen seconds. Meeting adjourned.

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Brent Schindler, Mayor Jacquelyn M Beard, City Clerk