City of Tetonia
Tetonia City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
August 25th, 2026 @ 7 PM

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, Councilmembers: Kody Hill, Mandy Rasmussen, Blaine Ball, Aaron Hansen and Mayor Brent Schindler.

ACTION ITEMS

DEQ Drinking Water, Project and Funding - Action

Rick Miller from ALTURA stated that the Council needs to decide if the City would like to accept the offer of loan funding through DEQ. This funding source opportunity has been discussed in previous meetings. The legal options would be to go through a bond election or through judicial confirmation.

Bond Election- a revenue bond must win by a simple majority, or 51% acceptance. Bond election costs about $400 to set up with an additional estimated $8,000 to finalize.

Judicial Confirmation- Federal and Idaho law allows entities to borrow funds that are proven necessary to help facilitate infrastructure repairs and expansions. This would allow a judge to give you their approval that the state project would be deemed a necessary project. This cost is estimated at about $8,000 to set up and another $8,000 to finalize.

Other conversations were made regarding if CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds are being applied for you need to be able to prove City has the ability to "incur debt".

DEQ may give additional funding if monthly rates are at an appropriate amount. DEQ may also offer "principal forgiveness" for a portion of the project amount.

Council stated that if Tetonia could borrow $1.29 million from the DEQ through the loan opportunity, Tetonia could also apply for block grant for around $650K, and principal forgiveness for $300K.

Discussion was made so that three decisions need to be made: 1. Does Tetonia want to pursue DEQ loan funding? 2. What drinking water project do we want to pursue? 3. How does Tetonia want to pursue the funding? By Judicial Confirmation or by Bond election?

1. Does Tetonia want to pursue the DEQ loan funding for $1.2 million? Yes.

2. What project do we want to pursue? The recommended options from the Drinking Water Facility Planning Study were for a new 375K gallon tank in addition to the existing water tank, or

a new 475K gallon concrete tank to replace the outdated existing tank. Council agreed to pursue the option for a new 475K gallon concrete tank.

3. Does the City want to fund by judicial confirmation or by bond election.
Discussion of the timing around the DEQ loan option was made and suggestion was made to pursue a Judicial Confirmation.

City Council agreed that aggressive public education needs to be done to help explain the necessity and timing of this project. Sunrise Engineers and ALTURA would be available to assist through this public education process.

Rasmussen moves to pursue judicial confirmation for a new 475k gallon concrete tank for the approximate amount of $2.29 million dollars. Hill seconds.

By Roll Call:
Hill- Yes, Ball- Yes, Rasmussen- Yes, Hansen- Nay

Motion passes with 3 ayes and 1 nay.

Hansen moves to authorize the Mayor to work with engineering and legal counsel to move this project forward as needed. Ball seconds. Motion approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

ADJOURN MEETING
Hill moves to adjourn the meeting. Hansen seconds. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

_____ Attest: _____
Brent Schindler, Mayor Jacquelyn M Beard, City Clerk