City of Tetonia
Tetonia City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 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, Council members: Mandy Rasmussen, Aaron Hansen, Kody Hill, Blaine Ball and Mayor Brent Schindler. Also in attendance: City Attorney Bart Birch.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Gabrielle Sipert, Teton County resident, started speaking on private land use matters and was reminded of the quasi-judicial rules. She continued to state that she cares about Tetonia and she is concerned that she was unable to find where the agenda was posted on the City website. She also spoke about affordable housing being an issue within Tetonia. She spoke on general projects of possible future developments not being able to be supported by the current infrastructure.

Jim Jackson, Teton County Resident, spoke about the Tetonia funding from the Teton County Parks and Rec district and stated that Tetonia is missing out on the funding through this District. Jim stated that he spoke with Sarah Warhol who is the Tetonia Parks and Recreation representative. He continued saying that Tetonia needed a list of items that are needed. He also stated that he would like to have Zoom as an option and was directed to information regarding the virtual meeting option that Tetonia offers.

No other public present asked to comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Fee Schedule Resolution 2026-04

Mayor Schindler opened up the hearing for public comments.
Vern Armstrong asked some clarifying questions on the water and sewer fee increases.
No other public present asked to speak. Mayor Schindler closed the public hearing.

- Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment

Mayor Schindler opened the public hearing.
No public present asked to comment.
Mayor Schindler closed the public hearing.

- Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Hearing

Mayor Schindler opened up the public hearing.
No public present asked to comment.
Mayor Schindler closed the public hearing.

ACTION ITEMS

Fee Schedule Resolution 2026-04- Action

Mayor Schindler stated that this resolution was needed as some of the land use application fees had not been reviewed in many years. He also mentioned that adding the rodeo grounds fees would be a great asset to Tetonia.

Hansen stated that the fees presented were backed by studies that the City has completed and that they were backed by data.

Hansen suggested editing Section 1 b. to add the words "if concurrently installed".

Council also asked to add an additional Public Works fee line item for "reinspection fee" at $50 per occurrence plus staff time.

Hansen stated that he agreed with all the fees presented as well as the two additional edits.

Hansen moves to approve resolution 2026-04 Fee Schedule as presented and including the two additional edits as listed above. Hill seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment- Action

Mayor Schindler reviewed the budget amendment breakdown and detailed that most of the changes were due to the Community Development Block Grant, extra studies the City conducted and additional operational fees.

Hill moves to approve the fiscal year 2026 budget amendment as presented. Hansen seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

FY2027 Budget, Appropriation Ordinance 2027-08- Action

Review was made of the presented appropriation ordinance for fiscal year 2027. Clarification of why this needed to be approved a second time was made by Clerk Beard. She stated that the property taxes had not been listed as a separate revenue item in the original version and that the State required the correction to be listed. No fund amounts had changed, only the way they were detailed out in the ordinance.

Hansen Moves to waive the rules and read the Ordinance by Title only. Ball seconds.
By roll call vote: Ball- Yes, Hill- Yes, Rasmussen- Yes, Hansen- Yes

Rasmussen moves to approve Ordinance 2027-08 as presented, Annual Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2027. Hill seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

By roll call vote: Hill- Yes, Rasmussen- Yes, Ball- Yes, Hansen- Yes
Motion approves unanimously.

Wastewater Facility Planning Study Final Review– Action
The final draft of this plan was further reviewed and clarified.
Hill moves to approve the Wastewater Facility Planning Study as presented. Ball seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

Drinking Water Facility Planning Study Final Review- Action
This study came in late enough that the Council did not have time to fully review. Mayor Schindler suggested that we postpone the action until the next meeting. No motion made.

Water Capacity and Water Rights Requirements for Future Development, Draft Ordinance- Action
City Engineer, Rob Heusaveldt, spoke to the Council regarding Tetonia's drinking water capacity and source redundancy and he identified other deficiencies related to current capacity and he suggested Tetonia change the Title 7, Drinking Water code to require new developments to contribute water rights as new growth comes.

Schindler recommended adding this to a future meeting so that it can be officially noticed and so that the actual draft wording can be presented.

The draft ordinance will be presented at the next work session to be held on Wednesday, September 30th at 7 PM.

No motion was made.

Bond Counsel Agreement- Action
Review of the proposed contract from Bond attorney, Stephanie Bonney.
City attorney, Bart Birch, stated that he has worked with Stephanie in the past and that she is reputable.

Ball moves to approve the agreement for services upon legal review and approval. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Transportation Master Plan- Action
This was not received on time and will be added to the 9/30 special meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- August Claims-
  Hill moves to approve the claims as presented with the addition of an invoice for 3H Construction in the amount of $4800.00. Ball seconds. Motion passed.

- August 11th, 2026, Minutes-
  Hill moves to approve the August 11th minutes with clerical edits. Rasmussen seconds. Motion approved.

- Hansen moves to approve the August 25th, 2026, Minutes with clerical edits, Hill seconds. Motion approved.

- Past due accounts were presented, and accounts were reviewed for notification.

- Staff reports were presented and reviewed.

ENFORCEMENTS, COMPLIANCE UPDATES

No updates were made at this time.

DISSCUSION

Housing Authority Presentation

Jerod Phifer, Kat Brand and Jade Kruger presented educational training on affordable housing, how it works and a review of the housing markets.

Rodeo Committee Report

Mayor Schindler met with the Rodeo Committee. They are a very passionate committee group. Mayor met with Kayden and asked for an accounting from the July rodeo and asked for all other details and numbers from this event.

Mayor stated that he is hoping for solid numbers to come back with at the next meeting.

Community Development Block Grant Updates, Messaging and Timelines

Discussion of community engagement letter was reviewed that will have timelines and project information. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Pickleball/Basketball Court

The new pickleball court has been vandalized twice since its installation last month. A camera will be installed to help monitor vandalism and the court will be left unlocked.

Planning and Zoning Work Session Request

The Tetonia Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) has requested a work session with the Council to review the Comprehensive Plan. It was suggested to hold this at the next City Council meeting and have the work session could begin an hour before the regular meeting. The work session would start at 6pm and the regular meeting would start at 7pm. If this date works for the PZC, it would be noticed appropriately.

Public Works Update-SCADA Review

Four SCADA systems were reviewed by the Mayor and Staff. Lee, Tetonia Public Works Director, broke out the four options and listed the monthly prices of each company.

Mayor Schindler asked that the final review of the SCADA systems be listed as an action item in the special meeting on 09/30/26 meeting.

Mayors Updates-

- Gave a reminder that this is Constitution Week.
- The Liberty Bell came through Teton Valley today.
- Tetonia Elementary School will be participating in an AIC program called Readers Becoming Leaders this month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION per Idaho Code SS 74-206 (1)(c) and 74-206(1)(b)

Hansen moves to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(c) and 74-(1)(b), Ball seconded.

Ball-Yes, Hansen, Rasmussen Hill- Yes.

Executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(c) and 74-(1)(b) ends. Personnel and Land Acquisition was discussed.

ADJOURN MEETING

Hill moves to adjourn the meeting. Rasmussen seconds. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM

_____ Attest: _____

Brent Schindler, Mayor Jacquelyn M Beard, City Clerk