

MAYORS OF TENINO

In 1906, Tenino was incorporated as the City of Tenino and elected its first Mayor and City Council. In the 114 years since Tenino became a city, we have had 23 people who have served as Mayor.

In chronological order, they are:

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| 1. Henry J Keithahn | 1906-1907 |
| 2. T F Mentzer | 1908 |
| 3. L J Miller | 1909-1911 |
| 4. Marshall B Peterson | 1911-1913 |
| 5. Howard S Barclay | 1913-1914 |
| 6. Stace M Peterson | 1915-1916 |
| 7. Howard S Barclay | 1917 |
| 8. Del D Axtelle | 1918 |
| 9. Samuel Wes Fenton | 1919-1922 |
| 10. Charles W Cook | 1923-1924 |
| 11. Henry J Keithahn | 1925-1926 |
| 12. Tom H Richards | 1927-1958 |
| 13. Ewart A Peterson | 1959-1967 |
| 14. Kenneth Hedden | 1968-1977 |
| 15. Robert "Bob" J Pettit | 1977-1979 |
| 16. Maurice Knight | 1980-1984 |
| 17. Keith Hixson | 1984-1987 |
| 18. Susan Cundy-Harris | 1988-1991 |
| 19. Mike Brown | 1991-1995 |
| 20. Steve Lycan | 1996-1998 |
| 21. D. Jean Pettit | 1998-2003 |
| 22. Kenneth A Jones | 2004-2011 |
| 23. Eric G Strawn | 2012-2013 |
| 24. Bret D Brodersen | 2013-2015 |
| 25. Wayne Fournier | 2015- |



Tom Richards (1927)
Tenino's longest
serving mayor
1927-1958
31 years



First Mayor Henry Keithahn (on the left)
and Tenino City Council, 1906

Interesting facts about Tenino's Mayors...

- Henry Keithahn, born in Germany, was a dairyman and owned The Creamery. He was a member of the I.O.O.F., Ancient Order of United Workmen, and a Mason.
- T. F. (Theodore) Mentzer was a lawyer and mill owner. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was also elected to the Washington State Legislature.
- Howard Barclay resigned as Mayor in 1917 to join the American military during World War I.
- Tom Richards holds the record as Tenino's longest serving Mayor with 31 years. He was a veteran of World War I. He also served as a Thurston County Commissioner. He was a Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the American Legion.
- Family Dynasties: Stace Peterson and his son, Ewart (they are of Swedish descent and do not seem to be related to Marshall Peterson, who was born in Canada); and Bob Pettit and his wife, D Jean (Martin) Pettit, who are the only husband and wife to have both served as Mayor.
- Steve Lycan died in office after a car accident. He was 38 years old.
- Wayne Fournier, a qualified scuba diver, led a diving exploration of the Tenino Memorial Pool (old Tenino Stone Company Quarry) in 2017.