

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (North Entrance)

*The purpose of the Agenda is to assist the Council and interested citizens in the conduct of the public meeting. Careful review of the Agenda is encouraged. Testimony from the public will be solicited for any item or issue listed under the category of **Public Hearings**. The Mayor will not normally allow audience participation at any other time. Idaho Law prohibits council action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance.*

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

PRAYER OFFERED BY: Brett Pincock
PLEDGE LED BY: Teresa Hansen

In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Brett Pincock, Teresa Hansen, Becky Harrigfeld and Tadd Atchley.

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Chief Mattingly, Officer Griffel, Garth Blanchard, Rachel Hatton, Michelle O'Malley, Jerry Funke, Delena Stronks, Del Jensen, Rick Paskett, John Scafe, Marvin Fielding, Kyle Jones, Darin Hansen, Todd Martindale, Micki Funke, Amanda Beal, Keaton Beal and Sheryl Hill.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

Being considered routine by the City Council, these items will be enacted by one motion unless requested by a Councilman or a citizen that one or more items be removed for later discussion.

- A. **Minutes** – Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes 12-9-2015.
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted
- E. **Budget Report** – Worksheet showing the revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year to date

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

2. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Thank You to Outgoing Council Member – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks thanked Councilman Pincock for his service and gave him the Mayor's service award. He then asked Councilman Pincock to take a few minutes to speak. Councilman Pincock expressed his appreciation for his time on Council. He explained that the people who work at the City of Ashton are phenomenal and he will miss them all.
- B. Newly Elected Officials Oath of Office – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier administered the oath of office to the newly elected members of the City starting with Mayor Stronks, then Councilman Funke and Councilwoman Hansen. Councilman Funke took his seat at the Council desk.
- C. State of the City Address – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks gave the State of the City address.
- D. Ashton Urban Renewal Agency Appointment – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks explained that he has asked Stacey Dexter to serve on the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency and Stacey has accepted the nomination.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to appoint Stacey Dexter to the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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3. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.

A. Dog Derby – John Scafe

John Scafe explained that there is not enough snow for a race yet. It seems that the race organizers have tests and trials like the snow problem but they appreciate all that the City does for them. Canceling the race in 2015 was a heartbreaker. They are making every effort to have the race this year. They have already been in contact with the state. It is a lot easier to have the application in and hoping to go from there with the snow. They have made some tentative plans with the US Forest Service for some alternative trails but they are not giving up on having it in Ashton until there is no other solution. This year they are going to have electronic timing. Todd Martindale asked John to let the City know early where they want parking opened up because they need to get it plowed so that it can freeze before people are parking on it. John gave a copy of the insurance certificate to City Clerk Stegelmeier. He explained that the advertising and mushers are ready and everything else seems to be going really well. They are looking forward to 2017 because that will be the centennial year for the Ashton Dog Derby. Mayor Stronks thanked John and the Dog Derby for their work on the race.

B. Sewer Facility Plan – Marvin Fielding

Marvin is at the meeting to give the Mayor & Council an update on the facility plan and outline the next step. City Clerk Stegelmeier made a copy of the DEQ loan letter of interest. Marvin wanted to explain that he submitted the letter with a high amount for a loan. He hopes that the project will not cost the 5 million dollars that was submitted. He submitted 4 million for the lagoon phase and 1 million for pipe replacement in town. One of the scenarios they are studying is a 10 acre lagoon, 10 feet deep to hold the effluent for land application. The expensive part will be finding material (gravel) for the lagoon. The pipe replacement would replace approximately one-half the remaining clay and concrete lines. The next step is to schedule a citizen advisory committee meeting. He is hoping to meet with them on January 27th and then again on February 10th. Then at the City Council meeting they can talk about rates and potential funding sources. Councilwoman Hansen spoke about not wanting to finalize anything now. Marvin explained that applying now will help us to find the best funding source. Mayor Stronks thanked Marvin for his time and information.

4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.

A. Fremont County Law Enforcement Update – Sherriff Humphries.

Mayor Stronks explained that he has invited Sherriff Humphries up to talk at the City Council meeting. Sherriff Humphries spoke about the close working relationship the City police department has with his department. It has just been a gentleman's agreement but it has worked well and he appreciates the Ashton PDs help. Crime statistics are down a little. While crime against property has gone down, drug cases are up. Traffic accidents have been down on highway 20 with the additional use of salt. The area up in Island Park where the trees have been moved back has also helped immensely. There have been significant changes to the radio system. The County has moved to a new generation 911 to support first responders countywide. Right now the County is working on maintaining jail certification. There are some new regulations coming up and he is hoping to be in compliance prior to their first audit next year. There have been some changes in personal with some retirements as well as some accidents on the job. Councilman Atchley expressed his opinion that the Fremont County police department is running well. Councilman Funke asked how many officers are employed by the County. Sherriff Humphries explained how many officers in each department. Mayor Stronks thanked Sherriff Humphries for a job well done and for coming to the Council meeting.

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- B. Old Library Basement Wall – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier is looking for direction concerning a concern in the old library basement. Since the El Rincon restaurant is moving to the new building Need direction. Del said metal door. Mayor Stronks and Tadd will go over and get measurements. They will get measurement for contractor in time for the next City Council meeting.
- C. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Atchley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Council Chambers, Ashton City Building – 714 Main, Ashton. Questions concerning items appearing on this Agenda or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meeting should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk or call 208-652-3987.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor