

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

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: Teddy Stronks
PLEDGE LED BY: Tadd Atchley

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Billy Stronks, Kathryn Stronks, John Scafe, Michelle O'Malley, Jerry Funke, Micki Funke, Jack Marotz, Letha Whitmore, Rachel Hatton, Todd Martindale, Darrell Reinke, Del Jensen, Sharlene Bergeson, Patty Litton and Sheryl Hill.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 6:58 pm.

1. **AMEND AGENDA:**

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- A. [City of Ashton Resolution 15-01 – Surplus Sale – City Clerk Stegelmeier](#)

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

2. **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 10-14-2015
- 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. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

3. **PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Veteran's Day Proclamation – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks read the proclamation into the record and expressed his appreciation for those who have served our country.

4. **ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:**

- A. [City of Ashton Resolution 15-01 – Surplus Sale – City Clerk Stegelmeier](#)

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the surplus sale had went well and asked if there were any questions on the bids.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the bids as presented and to finalize the procedure as written in the resolution. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to pass City of Ashton Resolution 15-01 Surplus Sale. Councilwoman

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Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. Dog Concerns – Councilwoman Hansen
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she has changed the form that will be included in the newsletter to reflect the direction of the Council and asked if she had their approval to include it as presented in the newsletter. Mayor Stronks explained that he is concerned that the dog catcher duties are too much for Delray and Todd. He is thinking of hiring a part time dog catcher – maybe even paying by the dog? City Clerk Stegelmeier expressed her concern that it can be dangerous and would think some training would be required. She will also check the budget to see if there would be enough money to pay for the additional wages. The Councilmembers gave their approval of the forms to be sent in the newsletter.
- B. Election Results from County Clerk – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the election results with the Council.

6. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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 is here to begin this year's communication concerning the American Dog Derby. The Derby will be held February 19th & 20th 2016. Last winter's race was a heartbreaker because it had to be cancelled but the committee is meeting and hoping that this year will be great. The committee has already started applications for permits & insurance and have had some mushers inquire about the race. They are looking for more support from the community. If anyone has the time to volunteer or some funds to help it would be greatly appreciated. The meetings are held each Thursday at the Senior Citizen Center at 7 pm. In 2017 the American Dog Derby will be 100 years old. City Clerk Stegelmeier gave John a letter from the City with dates for Council meetings and other information the committee may need. Mayor Stronks & the Council thanked John and the American Dog Derby Committee for all their work in putting on this event in Ashton.
- B. Electric Car Station – Billy Stronks
Mayor Stronks explained that Billy is here to speak to the Council and since Billy is his son he will be leaving the chamber and leaving Councilwoman Hansen in charge of the meeting.

Billy Stronks explained that 4 months ago he applied to have his business be a Tesla supply station. A Tesla car is an electric car and he has brought photos of what Tesla stations looks like. It is basically an electrical charger. Tesla provides its car owners with a system showing the places where they can find power for their car and Ashton would be on the map to Yellowstone. He was going to put the station at the back of his property but when the electrician came to look at the project he asked why they didn't just put them at the front. Billy sees having them on Main Street as a benefit to the City. It will bring more people down Main Street to get out and do some shopping. Those who own these cars have money – the cars are expensive. Billy would like to place 2 stations, one by each City tree in front of 511 Main. Billy has seen stations right on a city street in Salt Lake City so he knows that it has been done. The person charging the car is not obligated to do business with the owner of the station. Councilwoman Harrigfeld inquired as to what would happen if the parking spots were already taken. Billy explained that the car owner would have to wait until the space was available. Councilwoman Hansen was concerned because, earlier in the year, several business

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owners had been to the Council to discuss wanting parking time limits on Main Street because of the lack of spaces. Billy said that he had thought that when the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency developed the lots they purchased west of his building that there may be an area there that he could ask the City to use but that it would be some time before that is completed. City Clerk Stegelmeier suggested that some sort of agreement may be needed. She would like to check with the City's insurance provider as well as the City Attorney. Councilwoman Hansen inquired as to what Billy's time restraints were because this might take some negotiation, etc. Billy explained that he would like to have them in place prior to March to catch the summer traffic. Councilwoman Hansen called on Sheryl Hill because she had a question. Sheryl explained that she wondered at the size of the station. Councilman Atchley gave her a copy of the photo. Sheryl explained that she thought that there may be some code restrictions in the zoning or building ordinances that should be checked with the P&Z Commission. Councilwoman Hansen then called on Jerry Funke who asked how Billy was going to get the electricity to the station. Billy explained that he would be running it from his business under the sidewalk and would pay for all repairs. Councilwoman Hansen explained that the Council thinks it is a good idea and will get with him soon with answers.

C. Vasak Trust – Micki Funke, Jack Marotz

Micki Funke and Jack Marotz are here as trustees for the Vasak Fund. Micki explained that Richard Vasak was a German immigrant and farmed for many years. He lived each winter in the Ashton Hotel and enjoyed the Ashton community. Mr. Vasak had no family was not married. He died in 1985 and left a fund dedicated to Ashton area community to build up the community. Micki and Jack were honored to be friends of Mr. Vasak and originally it was their parents that were asked to be the trustees of the trust. Jack Marotz explained that many times the fund has assisted with the pool and for the last several years, Rachel Hatton has called on the fund to match the funds earned at the Pool Fundraiser. The Pool Fundraiser is sponsored by the Ashton LDS Stake and is enjoyed by many citizens. This year the fundraiser raised \$2200 dollars and the Vasak fund will be matching that. Jack explained that they are also donating \$300 dollars to help the City obtain signage for the City Park and Pool. They feel that the Park and Pool are underutilized simply because no one knows how to get to them. Other cities have directional signs and Ashton needs them too. Jack explained that he would like to present the check to Rachel as she has worked to make the Fundraiser such a success. Jack gave some of the history of the Trust. It has given over \$100,000 over the past 20+ years and although they are both getting older, the Trust is still funded. They are looking for a larger project, possibly to liquidate the fund and talked about improvements at the park/pool etc. They are hoping that whatever project they choose, the City will back the project. Jack explained that they serve the fund with no compensation and are happy to help the community. Micki explained that many people did not know Mr. Vasak well or maybe at all but he gave this money to the Ashton community because the Ashton community was so good to him. Mayor Stronks thanked Micki and Jack for their time and commitment.

D. Hole on N 8th Street – Todd Martindale.

Todd came to the Council to discuss a sink hole on 8th Street near Baxter Funeral Home. The hole is in the City's right of way. It appeared in the summer and it is not close to a water or sewer line. Todd would like to cut a square hole and try to see what is happening. The Council told him to go ahead. City Clerk Stegelmeier reminded Todd to discuss a bid he got from 3H Construction. Todd explained that there are several areas where asphalt needs to be replaced so he had 3H Construction give the City a bid. He thought they could have them finished by the next Friday.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the bid from 3H Construction. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- E. City Committee Handbook Update – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier reminded the Council of the update she had brought to them the prior month but explained that perhaps it would be better to do an update in January as some of the other portions of the handbook would change. She will bring it before them again then.
- F. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the City Council.

Mayor Stronks inquired as to whether the Council would be willing to amend the agenda to include an executive session. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she is not sure that an amendment for an executive session is allowed by Idaho Code. She suggested a holding a special meeting. A special meeting was scheduled for Monday the 16th at 7 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 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