

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (North Entrance)

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*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.*

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### CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

**PRAYER OFFERED BY: Teddy Stronks**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Brad Rankin**

**Present:** Mayor Stronks, Councilman Dexter, Councilwoman Hansen, Councilman Pincock and Councilman Rankin.

**Also Present:** City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, P&Z Administrator Baker, Ron Dixon, Bonnie Burlage, Becky Harrigfeld, Kaiah Bohn, Richard Statton, Del Jensen, Jerry Funke, Butch Maupin, Sara Reinke, Robyn Hess and Doug Ervin.

**Mayor Stronks called meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Mayor Stronks excused Councilwoman Hansen as she is out of town.**

### 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 Council Meeting Minutes 10-9-2013, Special Meeting 10-30-2013.
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

Councilman Rankin made a motion to accept consent agenda as presented. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. City of Ashton Ordinance 459-13 – Development Code Update

Mayor Stronks opened the hearing on City of Ashton Ordinance 459-13. And asked P&Z Administrator Baker to give a report.

P & Z Administrator Baker gave a report concerning the Planning & Zoning Commission's public hearing and approval of the update. She did make a recommendation that came to the P & Z Commission following the hearing. The recommendation was that the Council make an addition to the code changing the limit on the amount of flags that can be displayed to exempt the American Flag from any limit.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to change the ordinance section to exempt the United States flag from any limit. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Stronks explained that there was no one signed in to give comment but asked again if there was anyone who would like to give comment.

Mayor Stronks closed the public hearing on the ordinance.

Mayor Stronks had forgotten to ask if any of the Councilmembers had a conflict of interest concerning eh ordinance. He called a roll call: Councilman Pincock – no; Councilman Rankin – no; and Councilman Dexter –

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### **3. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

A. City of Ashton Ordinance 459-13 – Development Code Update

Councilman Rankin made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 459-13 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Rankin read the Ordinance into the record.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to adopt Ashton City Ordinance 459-13 and asked the Clerk to have it published. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:**

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

- A. Water Project Report – David Schiess, Todd Martindale, Del Jensen, Paul Scoresby  
Schiess and Associates were not present. Mayor Stronks expressed his interest in having an open house at the Water Treatment Facility. The Council discussed dates and asked that City Clerk Stegelmeier set up a date for an open house.
- B. Election – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier read the election results. She then explained that the newly elected Councilmembers would take office following the approval of bills in January of 2014.
- C. Customer Payment Help – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the customer payment applications were prepared and the recycling of the materials had given the fund over \$4000 to assist anyone wishing to apply. She did, however, explain that much of the material had been stolen before recycling and that the fund could have been almost been double the amount.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:**

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

- A. Pool Solar Heating – Richard Statton, Councilman Rankin  
Councilman Rankin explained that he was looking to get the propane bill on heating the pool lowered. He had been speaking to Richard Statton and asked him to come to the Council meeting to explain how he could help. Richard Statton has been installing vacuum tube thermo collectors for quite a while. A flat panel solar collector needs warm sunshine but the vacuum tube is like thermos jug. Heat will not transfer, there are three metals that use UV radiation and direct sunlight is not needed. The pool would need 20 collectors to maintain 80 degree water. A heat exchanger would be needed as the pool water would be too corrosive. There would be an extended warranty for 10 years. The collectors can be set up like a fence but need to be in a sort of compound. In the winter they can be covered and left. There is a private pool in Weiser that uses these collectors for heat. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that 80 degrees is too cold for swimming lessons in the morning. Mr. Statton explained that more collectors will be needed to add 5 degrees or more if needed. They talked about putting the collectors south of the pool. They then discussed having Mr. Statton come and do a demonstration at the Water Treatment Facility open house. City Clerk Stegelmeier will let them know when the open house will be held.

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### B. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went through the next month's schedule with the Council. The Council discussed the open house again. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she would let the Council know when the open house will be scheduled.

### **6. CITIZEN INPUT:** (Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.)

### **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

I.C. 67-2345 *Certain City-related matters may need to be discussed confidentially as a matter of law (Acquisition of real property, personnel matters, attorney-client communications) subject to applicable legal requirements, the Council may enter executive session by roll call vote to discuss such matters.*

Advise Legal Counsel, Personnel

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 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:

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor