

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

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: Jerry Funke
PLEDGE LED BY: Tom Mattingly

In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Tadd Atchley, Jerry Funke and Tom Mattingly.

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Rick Gokey, Lisa Smith, Rachel Hatton, Sheryl Hill, Greg Griffel, Rachel Hatton, Michelle O'Malley, and Jaden Jackson.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7pm.

1. CONSENT AGENDA: **ACTION ITEM**

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 Special Meeting Minutes 11-14-2018
- B. **Treasurers Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

Councilman Atchley made a motion that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:

- A. Ashton Resolution 18-06 – Updated Dumpster Rate Schedule – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**

Councilman Mattingly made a motion to approve Resolution 18-06 as presented. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. 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 Parks & Rec Letter – Mayor Stronks **ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Stronks explained to the Council that Tamra Cikaitoga with Fremont County Parks & Recreation asked if the Council would write a letter of support for a grant she is submitting for new docks at the Ashton Reservoir. The Mayor and Council signed the letter submitted by City Clerk Stegelmeier.

4. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. Senior Center Parking Update – Police Chief Griffel, Beth Wright, Senior Center Board **ACTION ITEM**

Chief Griffel reported that he has spoken to Bryan Young with the Idaho Transportation Department concerning a handicap spot in front of the Senior Citizen Center. The handicap spot will be marked on the street, curb and a sign will be placed. This will all be done in the spring. The City can do the work themselves. Mayor thanked Chief Griffel for his work on the project.

- B. Archives Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Police Chief Griffel, City Archivist Barbara Moon, Tom Howell, Linda Janssen, Bernetta Hansen and Margaret Howe **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier reported that she had spoken to the Fremont County District Library Director, Rashel Cardell, about the Archives. The library board does not meet until January but there are some rooms available for rent at the Community Center. The Council directed City Clerk Stegelmeier to wait until the Mayor and Council can discuss the meeting with the library board before moving the

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Archives to the Community Center.

- C. Wastewater Project Phase I Progress Report – Marvin Fielding, City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
Jaden Jackson is here in place of Marvin Fielding. Jaden explained that the road on the top of the new pond is finished and it looks really good. The fence is being installed. The contractor, Eagle Rock Timber, has submitted a request for equitable adjustment to the contract. Eagle Rock Timber would like to meet with the Council to discuss their request. The Council set a special meeting to be held prior to the City Council meeting on January 9th to meet. Jaden explained that Keller Associates has not had time to go through the request yet. City Clerk Stegelmeier included a copy of the request in the Council packets for their review. Jaden explained that the contractors for Phase II (3H Construction) have submitted a bill for materials in preparation to get started next spring.
- D. AURA Sidewalk Progress Report– Marvin Fielding, Rick Miller, Jaden Jackson, City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angel **ACTION ITEM**
Jaden explained that the project is done and everything looks good.
- E. City Park Project Report – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson, Pauline Johnson, City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angel, **ACTION ITEM**
The Park Project is on winter shutdown. They were able to cut out the walking path and put down gravel so that next spring will go smoothly.
- F. Transportation Plan Grant Report – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson, City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angel, **ACTION ITEM**
Jaden explained that he has submitted two different grants applications for the City. The first is for an LRHIP grant to pave Railroad Avenue. He has also submitted a strategic program grant for rehabilitation on the City streets. In January he will turn in a grant for signs for the City through the safety improvement LTHAC grant. Councilman Funke asked if any of the grants would work to help finish the streetlights on Main Street. Mayor Stronks explained that the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency is hoping to complete the lights next year. The Mayor thanked Jaden for all his work on the City's projects.
- G. Bank Bids – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she will be having a meeting with Key Bank on the 14th and will get back with the Council on the bids in January.
- H. Dog Ordinance Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Police Chief Griffel, City Attorney Angell
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she had put this item on the agenda as the Council had wanted to discuss it again. She explained that the thought was that the non-commercial kennel license section of the code is unnecessary. Police Chief Griffel explained that the no one ever actually follows through on the process. In his opinion the City should just update the code to allow residents to have two (2) dogs and then he would be able to enforce that code. Part of the issue is that applicants have to go to their neighbors for a signature. The applicants are never going to get the license because their neighbors are not going to sign the application. Councilman Funke asked what would happen to those who have three dogs. Chief Griffel explained that they would need to adopt out their dogs or something similar. After some discussion it was decided that Chief Griffel and City Clerk Stegelmeier would get with City Attorney Angell and bring something back to the Council for their discussion.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

- A. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Mayor and City Council.

6. COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilmembers will bring items to be discussed with the other Councilmembers & Mayor. No action should be taken on these items as they have not been specifically listed on the agenda.

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she had thought that she had put the American Dog Derby chairman

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John Scafe on the agenda. Mayor Stronks told the Council that he hoped they would let John speak during this Council Discussion portion of the agenda. The Council agreed. John explained that he appreciates speaking to them. He has some concerns about the race and explained that he has been asked if it is still worthwhile to have this historic event in the town of Ashton. The biggest challenge is getting volunteers to help with the organization. It may be easier to start it like they did last year up at Bear Gulch. Right now the committee is still planning on having it in town. There are some gripes and also support from local businesses about the race. Everyone needs to be serious about where and if the race is something that is still important to Ashton. Councilman Atchley explained that he thinks the committee does a great job and it is appreciated by him and his family. John said maybe they are having a turnover in interest for the race. Everyone's day gets disrupted and the flow of traffic is disrupted. He then explained that the committee will be down in Idaho Falls at the film festival in late January to promote the Derby. He is hoping all will be well. Mayor Stronks thanked John and his committee for their work.

Councilman Funke expressed his concern that it is public knowledge that an insurance claim was investigated this summer/fall. He knows that the Council have all reviewed the findings of the investigation but was wondering if the City Council should meet in executive session to discuss them. Councilman Atchley and Councilman Mattingly expressed their opinion that they feel that they are good with just reviewing the report.

Councilman Funke expressed his opinion that the public works department are doing well with plowing snow.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Special Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, January 9, 2019 Council Chambers, Ashton City Building – 714 Main, Ashton.
- ◆ Questions concerning items appearing on these Agendas or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meetings 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