

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 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: Tadd Atchley
PLEDGE LED BY: Teresa Hansen

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Planning & Zoning Administrator Baker, Bonnie Burlage, Ron Dixon, Doug Ervin, Sheri Poulsen, Todd Martindale, Del Jensen, Rod VanKirk and John Scafe.

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 1-14-2015
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

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

2. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. 2014 Audit Report – Sheri Poulsen
Sheri Poulsen brought a report on the audit for the Council. Concerns she raised from the audit were again the streets budget overrun and this year the general fund overrun. Another concern is that purchase orders were not being used properly. In general, the City funds are looking good and Sheri will meet with City Clerk Stegelmeier in April to go over a few items. Mayor Stronks thanked Sheri for her report.
- B. American Dog Derby – John Scafe, Todd Martindale, Del Jensen
John Scafe has brought the ITD permit for street closure and insurance to the City. He does not think that there is enough snow for a race but the race committee does not meet until Thursday so they will make the decision then. Mayor Stronks thanked him and the dog race committee for their work.
- C. Old City Building – Tom Howell, Darrell Reinke
Mayor Stronks reported that Tom & Darrell would be at Council next month.

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 All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Keith Richey
Keith Richey is here as the Fremont County Emergency Management specialist. The County is updating the all hazard mitigation plan. Keith would like to ask the Mayor and Council to appoint someone to represent the City during the planning process. Mayor Stronks asked the Council if one of them would volunteer to represent the City. Councilman Pincock volunteered and Mayor Stronks

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appointed him as the representative for the City. Mayor Stronks thanked Keith for his time and efforts.

B. Ora Bridge Update – Brandon Harris

Brandon Harris is at Council to keep the City Council up to date on the Ora bridge project. He brought displays of the project plans to show everyone. The bridge is in bad shape and there has already been a weight limit placed on the bridge – although Brandon has been working on getting a larger limit on it. The County will start construction on the bridge in 2018. Brandon also reported that the Stone Bridge construction is almost completed but it may not open until the end of June due to some construction items that need to be completed. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her opinion that it will be nice to have these projects completed. Councilman Pincock inquired as to why the Ora Bridge construction would take less time than the Stone Bridge. Brandon explained that the footings will be pile driven unlike the footings on the Stone Bridge which were drilled. Mayor Stronks thanked Brandon for his time and information.

C. Letter from Mayor of Victor – Mayor Stronks

Mayor Stronks explained that the Mayor of Victor had sent him the letter everyone had in their packet. Basically, the Victor Mayor is asking that the City of Ashton put in \$500 towards a study of bicycle paths through to Yellowstone. The project is already done. Councilman Atchley did not think that the City of Ashton would be receiving any value from the study. Councilwoman Hansen thought that maybe they just asked all the cities. Councilwoman Harrigfeld expressed her thought that the map included did not even include Ashton. Mayor Stronks said that he would let the Victor Mayor know that the City does not have this money in the budget at this time.

D. Snow Removal, Community Center Parking Lot – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Todd Martindale

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the snow removal on Main Street has evolved and now some of the business owners are putting all of their parking lot snow as well as their sidewalk snow in the road for the City to haul it away. The ordinance only allows for the snow on the Main Street portion of the sidewalk to be hauled by the City. The Council discussed the costs and will reevaluate what to do in the fall. City Clerk Stegelmeier then asked about whether the City is still supposed to clean out the Community Center Parking lot. The Community Center is now owned by the North Fremont Library District and they have not been back to the Council to discuss snow removal. Mayor Stronks asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to invite a representative from the Library District to come to Council to discuss the plowing.

E. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council. She then reported concerning the conference call & meeting with the DEQ. Councilman Pincock & Councilwoman Hansen were disappointed because it seemed as through the representatives from the DEQ would always come back to telling them that they could get a loan for the project instead of discussing the issue which is the stream designation. During the conference call, the DEQ representative again did not seem to listen and when questioned about why they had not given the electrofishing information to the City their excuse was that they didn't think the City would care. Councilman Pincock's opinion is that that the DEQ has made a mistake and they do not want to admit that. Access to the City's wastewater facility was discussed. The Council also discussed access to all City property. Work orders were also discussed and it was agreed that work orders should be done to document the work.

Councilman Pincock made a motion that a sign-in log be made for anyone accessing City facilities. These facilities are to be locked and the log should include a sign in time, sign out time, who was in the party and what the purpose of the visit was. Also, not one should be allowed to go in without being accompanied by a City employee. This log should be kept at the office and all visitors should check in & sign the log prior to any visit. Work orders should be done for all work by City employees and turned in to the office. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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4. PRESENTATION:

- A. Teton View Regional Plan – Jan Brown, Sara Reinke
City Clerk Stegelmeier had read an email incorrectly – Jan and Sara will present this at the March meeting.

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

Police Chief Tom Mattingly explained that there have been some noise complaints. It is the jake brakes on the trucks coming through town. Mayor Stronks said that the state would put them up if contacted. City Clerk Stegelmeier will contact the ITD to get signs.

Councilwoman Hansen explained that the road by Reinke Grain has been fine this winter but that 2nd Street is bad because of the water lines, etc. to the new Family Dollar Store. Todd Martindale explained that those places should be fixed as early in the spring as the Family Dollar can get good work weather. The Family Dollar is who will have to fix it.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

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