

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 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: Teddy Stronks
PLEDGE LED BY: Jerry Funke

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, P & Z Administer Baker, Chief Mattingly, Deputy Griffel, Garth Blanchard, Tom Howell, Michelle O'Malley, Ester Ryland, Tim Ryland, Cheryl Lenz, Sheryl Hill, John Scafe, Bernetta Hansen, Todd Martindale and Judy Smith.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Stronks explained that John Scafe had been left off the agenda in error and asked if the Council would be willing to amend the agenda to hear John's report on the American Dog Derby.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to add American Dog Derby – John Scafe to the Unfinished/Old Business portion of the agenda as letter E. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 3-9-2016, Special Meetings 3-16-2016, 3-24-2016 and 3-29-2016.
- 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

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

2. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Fair Housing Proclamation – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks read the proclamation into the record.

3. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. City-owned Main Street Properties – Councilman Atchley, City Clerk Stegelmeier
Councilman Atchley reminded the Council that they have been discussing the sale of the City owned buildings and he is hoping to start the sale process. To start, they will need to declare that they are going to sell them and set a minimum price. The buildings are the one that Precision Chiropractic is leasing now, the one that was last leased to the Henry's Fork Foundation and the City's portion of the Senior Citizen Center. Price was discussed – appraisals were done in 2012 and the County appraiser send information on the latest sales. Councilman Atchley thinks that the minimum on the Precision

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Chiropractic building should be \$30,000. Councilman Funke would like to have the square footage of the buildings in order to come up with a price. The Council will come back next month with a better idea of what price they would like to set. Mayor Stronks explained that he would again ask the County if they would like the Senior Citizen Building. Councilman Atchley will get the square footage for the next meeting.

- B. Ashton Police Station – Officer Griffel, Chief Mattingly, Brad Rankin
Officer Griffel is here to talk to the Council to about moving the Police Department to the east side of the Old City Building. The building was remodeled by the Henry’s Fork Foundation. He explained that there are three offices with a conference room in that side. The offices here at the City Building work but the police are getting busier all the time. Since the beginning of the year the police have investigated 90 incidents. If this trend continues, the City will need to hire more officers and have more coverage. The City has this building now and would not have to build one later. It would have room to expand but still be able to pay utilities by renting out the other side of the offices. There is also a garage for the police vehicles. Those coming in for interviews will also have more privacy. There are foreign investors investing in tourism in Ashton and he feels like he is thinking ahead to some of the problems that will be coming up. He would just like the City to consider moving the police department to the old City Building. The Mayor thanked Greg for his input and asked Brad Rankin what he would like to add. Brad just wanted to say that he would be interested in renting the other side of the building OR purchasing the building – whichever the City Council decided. Mayor Stronks thanked him for his time.
- C. Museum, Fremont County Historical Society – Tom Howell
Tom Howell is here again to talk about the museum. He has been in contact with Greg & Cathy. He feels that the Fremont County Historical Society could still start a museum in the west side of the building. He thinks that the CHC foundation would possibly modify the grant in order that the City could be reimbursed for a fraction of the amount of the roof repair. Of course, the grant funding for the remodel for the museum would be less too but they could probably work with less money. The Fremont County Historical Society could pay their share of the utilities and would like to use the old jail (and get it fixed up). Mayor Stronks asked if there is enough room for what the Historical Society has for the museum. Tom replied that the museum will work but there won’t be an area for the steam tractor. That may have to move to the City Park or something. Councilman Funke expressed his belief that there needs to be some sort of cultural center here in Ashton. Mayor Stronks asked Officer Griffel how he feels about the museum being in the building with security, etc. Officer Griffel said that he will work with whatever the Council decides. Mayor Stronks asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to get with Janie Walker at the CHC Foundation and then he will set a special meeting for the City Council to discuss this further.
- D. Mosquito Abatement – Councilwoman Hansen, City Clerk Stegelmeier guys in
Councilwoman Hansen wanted to start discussion on mosquito abatement early so that it might be possible this season. She knows that there are those who worry about the spray but St. Anthony does it and it seems to work well. We can keep the public informed and it should work great. There was discussion on the process and Mayor Stronks asked Councilwoman Hansen to find out the costs and bring back the information to the next regular meeting.
- E. American Dog Derby - John Scafe
John explained that this year was a great dog race. He wants to give a bit thank you to the City and to the police department. There were only 21 racers and they did have to modify the race for the conditions. One of the mushers said it was the best track they’ve had in 25 years of racing. The crowd was good and they seemed to enjoy the race. Next year will mark the 100th Anniversary of the American Dog Derby and the committee is already making plans. They have a sponsor – Cabela’s – who will be helping to make the 100 year race great. The committee is working with the

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Ashton Chamber of Commerce, the Ashton Foundation and the Ashton Business group to have a bigger event called Winterfest in conjunction with the race. This will all be held February 17 & 18th of 2017. They are discussing all kinds of activities; boxing matches, street vendors, etc. Councilwoman Harrigfeld said they could involve church groups and youth groups for plays, etc. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her opinion that there will be a lot of men coming because of the Cabela's sponsorship. Chief Mattingly expressed concern on parking and would like to see more information to the visitors about the parking available. John said that if anyone in the audience would like to help, committee meetings are held each week. Just give him a call to find out the place & time. Mayor Stronks thanked John and his committee for their time and commitment to the race.

4. NEW/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Using the Visitor Center Property on Hwy 20 – Tim Ryland
Tim Ryland is at City Council to ask if he could lease property at the Ashton Visitor Center in order to put up an 8x16 building to sell coffee. He is still working on getting the power there that he would need. Councilman Funke is concerned that there may not be enough room for trailers to turn. Tim explained that the building will be out of the way. Councilman Atchley asked if Tim had talked to other property owners about renting property. He said he had talked to the Bank of Idaho about the car wash area but they were not interested in renting as they are not sure what they will be doing. He has had calls into the Orvis shop but has not heard back from them. He cannot get the people who own the old Texaco to talk to him. He is kind of worried that the Ashton Quick Stop would not want to talk with him as he may compete with them. Councilman Funke thought the owner, Mel Rudd might be interested. Councilwoman Hansen would like to have City Clerk Stegelmeier discuss this with the City Attorney and get back to the Council. She asked if Tim would be willing to come to the May Council meeting. Tim asked if he could be included if the Council had a Special Meeting for the museum. Councilman Funke asked what his hours of operation would be. Tim is thinking it will be 7 AM to 3 PM. Councilman Funke expressed his opinion that it should be open at 6:30.
- B. Water Leak – Roberta Lenz, Carol Lenz
Carol Lenz is here at the City Council meeting to ask what the completion date will be on fixing the water leak in front of her mother's extra lot. The City was notified in October and Roberta spoke to the Mayor about it in November. The City Council was unsure why the leak had not been fixed. Carol said she is here to give notice that if the sidewalk or tree have been damaged, they may be billing the City for damage. Councilman Funke asked if they could wait until June when the weather is warmer. Carol said that it will be fine if it actually gets done in June. Also, if there is any damage – the City will get a bill.
- C. Wastewater/Water Operator Info – Mountain West Waterworks – Dustin Parkinson
City clerk Stegelmeier explained that Dustin called that day and will not be coming to the meeting tonight.
- D. Development Agreement – P & Z Administrator Baker
P & Z Administrator Baker brought an update to the Wild Cherry Subdivision development agreement to the Council for approval. The developer has not been able to get started but is hoping to start on the infrastructure this summer. Councilman Atchley asked if there were any changes besides the dates on the agreement. Administrator Baker said that nothing else has changed.
Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve an update to the development agreement for Wild Cherry Subdivision. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- E. Shut Off Procedures – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier brought a calendar and the ordinance references to show how she and Jan go

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about the billing and shut off procedures. She also brought a copy of the payment agreement form. The Council looked over the information.

F. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the next month’s schedule with the City Council. .

Councilman Funke would like the alleys graveled. Mayor Stronks said that Todd Martindale has spoken to Doug Hillam to get the alleys graded. The City’s grader is too wide to grade the alleys. Councilman Funke thinks it will still take some more gravel. Councilman Funke inquired as to where the City is on the nuisance complaints. City Clerk Stegelmeier said they have been notified but that the time limits have not expired, etc.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

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