

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

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: Teresa Hansen

Present: Mayor Stronks, Councilwoman Hansen, Councilman Pincock, and Councilwoman Harrigfeld.

Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Deputy Clerk Warnke, P&Z Administrator Susan Baker, Richard Staten, Rachel Hatton, John Grube and Todd Martindale.

Mayor Stronks called meeting to order 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 Special Council Meeting Minutes 3-5-2014 and 3-21-2014.
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

Councilwoman Harrigfeld pointed out some typos for City Clerk Stegelmeier to correct the minutes.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the corrections noted. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.

- A. City of Ashton Ordinance 461-14 – Vacation of Alleys

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 recommendation to vacate the alleys. The P&Z Commission felt that the alley had not been used prior and should be vacated.

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; Councilwoman Hansen – no; and Councilwoman Harrigfeld – no

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.

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3. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- A. City of Ashton Ordinance 461-14 – Vacation of Alleys

Councilwoman Pincock made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 461-14 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to adopt Ashton City Ordinance 461-14 and asked the Clerk to have it published. Councilman Hansen 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. Old City Building – Tom Howell, Bernetta Hansen

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Tom has been sick and called to ask that they move from April's agenda to the May agenda.

- B. Pool Solar Heating – Richard Staten

Richard is at Council to explain the solar heating exchange to the new councilmembers. He explained that his product uses vacuum tubes to absorb solar energy and create heat in the core. He brought a group of 20 tubes up to demonstrate during the Water Treatment Plant Open House. The temperature was 23 degrees with a breeze and the tubes were up to 200 degrees. Richard explained that a heat exchanger would be needed but that the furnace should be kept in place. He estimates that the system will cost \$48,000 and it will save the City about \$12,000 a year in heating costs. It will take the city about 4 years to pay for the system with that savings. Councilwoman Hansen asked how to take care of the tubes in winter. He explained that you have to cover them. Councilwoman Harrigfeld asked where they could be placed at the pool. Richard says they would need to be just to the south of the pool. Richard said he would love to have Ashton be the 1st green energy pool in Idaho. Mayor Stronks thanked him for his time.

5. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Wild Cherry Development Agreement – City P&Z Administrator Susan Baker

Mayor Stronks excused himself as he has an interest in this project. P & Z Administrator Baker explained the prior agreement had expired. This agreement will be for two years allowing the developer more time to complete the infrastructure.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to enter into the agreement as presented. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

- B. Fireworks Letter – Rachel Hatton

Rachel is the Fourth of July chairman for the Chamber of Commerce. The fireworks dinner is coming up and she is here at Council to ask if the City is willing to again provide the insurance for the fireworks. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that many of Idaho cities have been discussing insurance for fireworks shows and whether the City could provide it. Mayor Stronks invited the City's agent, Rod Chandler, to explain the situation. Rod explained that although the City would be covered, the other parties involved would not. In other words, the volunteers who worked hard could be sued privately. After much discussion, and with no guarantees, the Council decided to ask the other entities to enter into a memorandum of understanding, list the names of each volunteer so the Council can approve them as a City

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volunteer and list the training of the volunteers.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to send the letter with Rachel Hatton to the School Board as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

C. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the City Council. Mayor Stronks asked about City Cleanup and City Clerk Stegelmeier said that it is scheduled for June 2-6. City Clerk Stegelmeier then asked what they would like to ride in for the parade. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her idea to ride in a boat (pulled behind a pickup) and spray water at the crowd. Mayor Stronks explained that he would provide the boat/pickup. Councilwoman Hansen then expressed her concern about the gravel on the streets. The Council had received a letter from Mel Sedecki also concerning this problem. Mayor Stronks said that it had been discussed at employee meeting and the problem is solved.

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

Mayor Stronks asked for input. There was none.

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.

Personnel

Mayor Stronks had no business for an executive session.

8. **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, May 14, 2014, 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