

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

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, Police Chief Griffel, Jaden Jackson, Marvin Fielding, Chris Reinke, John Scafe, Rachel Hatton, Michelle O'Malley, Brett Griffel, Tom Howell, Sara Bowersox, Ken Miller and Linda Miller.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

1. AMEND AGENDA:

Any items added less than forty eight (48) hours prior to the meeting are added by Council motion at this time.

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: **B. Park Project Changes** – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson **ACTION ITEM**

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: **C. Wastewater Project Update** – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson **ACTION ITEM**

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

2. 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 4-10-2019
- 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.

3. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Ordinance 474-19 – Dog Ordinance Amendment – Police Chief Griffel, City Attorney Angell **ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Stronks explained that he thought the Council was going to amend the kennel portion of the ordinance. Councilwoman Hansen said she is ready to make a decision.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 474-19 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hansen read the ordinance into the record by title.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to that Ashton City Ordinance 474-19 be approved and published. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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- B. Ordinance 476-19 – Updating Dates for Beer & Wine and Liquor License Requirements – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION**

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 476-19 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hansen read the ordinance into the record by title.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to that Ashton City Ordinance 476-19 be approved and published. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Ordinance 477-19 – Adding Designated Truck Route: Pine Street between 2nd & 3rd Streets – Police Chief Griffel

Chief Griffel explained that he brought this to the Council as there are trucks are using the street anyway. He has watched the area and doesn't see that the truck traffic is a problem. The trucks are moving slow. Mayor Stronks asked Mitch Ghormley to speak. Mitch said that there is a lot of truck traffic which is getting to be more now with the Reinke seed bins. The driveways are being blocked and it can be loud. He is also concerned about the training of some of the drivers. Some drivers have not been trained well enough to drive the trucks they are driving. Mitch's neighbor Derek Weatherman has had some issues with the truck traffic. Derek's biggest concern is that he is not comfortable letting his children play in the front yard with all the truck traffic. Chief Griffel explained that this is the first time there has been a complaint. The heaviest traffic is the spring and the fall and there should be no more traffic if the route is designated as a truck route. Chris Reinke explained that Reinke Grain has another facility out of town and are hoping to center the operation out of town. Councilman Atchley explained that many streets have issues that make it hard for kids to play in their front yard. His home is on 2nd Street and the cars go too fast for safety. There is no stop sign on 3rd Street and Pine. Councilwoman Hansen asked if a stop sign can be placed at the intersection. Chief Griffel will look into it. A speed bump was discussed. There is a plowing issue with speed bumps. Councilman Mattingly wondered if it would be possible to get a moveable speed bump making it useful in other areas after the traffic has slowed in the area being discussed. There are a few areas which would be helped by a speed bump. Chris Reinke said a speed bumps would help if it would keep a flow – drivers try unsafe things when the flow is not working. Councilman Funke asked if Chris Reinke if he would ask the truckers about the speed bumps. Mitch Ghormley explained that he thought a speed bump is not a problem. Mayor Stronks tabled this discussion until next month's meeting.

- D. Resolution 19-03 – Excessive Force Policy Update – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that this is an item that the Development Company is wanting updated for the City's file. City Clerk Stegelmeier had spoken to Chief Griffel and he explained that it is a standard policy.

Councilman Atchley made a motion that the City adopt Resolution 19-03. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Fireworks Insurance – Rachel Hatton

Rachel Hatton came to City Council to ask if the City is willing to provide the insurance coverage for the fireworks again this year. City Clerk Stegelmeier had the letter for the Fremont School Board prepared and in the packet so that it could be signed. Rachel thanked the Council and explained that the fireworks fundraiser will be held the 23rd of May at the Community Center. She is also asking if the City's public works department can help as they have in the past with garbage cans, barriers and the dump truck for picking up fireworks garbage. Councilwoman Hansen is concerned about the

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traffic following the fireworks. Rachel is thinking that there is the need for more safety reminders. Councilwoman Hansen also thought that maybe they could also ask for donations as people are leaving to help with the costs as many of the people are coming from out of the area. Rachel said that she and the rest of the Chamber of Commerce have been discussing that the events are getting bigger and there is a need for more people to help with them.

Councilman Atchley made a motion that the City provide the insurance for the 4th of July fireworks. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Mosquito Abatement – Councilwoman Hansen **ACTION ITEM**
Councilwoman Hansen will have report for next month's meeting.
- C. Mayor & Council Pay Discussion – Mayor Stronks.
Mayor Stronks said that he feels that there is no need for a raise. He explained that there is a chart from the Association of Idaho Cities in the packet showing that the salaries are similar to those in cities of the same size in Idaho. The Mayor is paid \$700 and the Councilmembers \$350 per month. Mayor Stronks, Councilwoman Hansen and Councilman Atchley feel that their wages are good. Councilman Funke and Councilman Mattingly did not comment. Mayor Stronks moved on with the agenda.
- D. Equal Employment Opportunity Policy – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that this is an item that the Development Company is wanting updated for the City's file.

Councilman Mattingly made a motion that the City adopt the policy. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. Power at the Gun Range – Police Chief Griffel **ACTION ITEM**
Chief Griffel explained that Depatco approached him to use the gun range as a staging area for their equipment while they are working on the ITD project on Ashton Hill. In exchange, they will do some work on the range and dump some over burden for backstops on the range. He was approached again because Depatco wanted to run temporary power and thought maybe he would like them to make it permanent while they were running it. City Clerk Stegelmeier expressed concern about the monthly meter costs. Chief Griffel said it would be useful for surveillance cameras and the occasional Councilman Atchley asked if the public can use the range. Chief Griffel explained that they can use it if they contact the Ashton Police Department. Chief Griffel explained that there cannot be people up there all the time. The Council asked if there is a cost. Chief Griffel did not have any costs yet. He will get an estimate and will be back with more information.
- F. Meter Discussion – Todd Martindale, City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that public works has met with the Ashton Living Center representatives and has found that the water used on their grounds has not been being metered. The Council discussed meeting with a representative from the Ashton Living Center. Mayor Stronks said that he would attend and asked Councilwoman Hansen to attend. City Clerk Stegelmeier will set up a meeting with all parties.

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. Railroad Avenue Extension Discussion – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson, Tom Howell, Chris Reinke **ACTION ITEM**
Marvin explained that the Council has a copy of the grant submission for the grant on Railroad Avenue. He explained that out of the citizen advisory committee meetings Railroad Avenue paving was one of items chosen for completion in the Transportation Plan. Marvin has looked again at the project and can see an issue with runoff on the railroad side. There will need to be 650 feet of pipe to put a storm water drain to Main Street which would cost 30 to 40 thousand dollars. The main points that LTHAC used in grading the application was safety for kids. Councilman Atchley is concerned about truck traffic – making sure the road is strong enough to last. The City may have to

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budget for \$40,000 to drain because without the drain, the pavement will not last. The prices for ribbon curbing are 33 dollars a foot. On the south side of the curb there will need to be geogrid. Councilman Atchley is fine with project as long as the road will work. The Council is in agreement that there will need to be drainage and ribbon curbing in places to make sure the project lasts. Councilman Funke asked when the money is available and Marvin said the project must be done by October of this year. Tom Howell asked about including the section of Railroad Avenue from Idaho to the county road. The City crew has went in and tried to fix it up. Councilman Funke said that the paving will eventually go all the way to Valleywide. Chris Reinke said he is willing to chip in on the project – he is very appreciative of the work done on the project on 3rd Street. He also suggested talking with the Ashton Urban Renewal District for assistance. Trucks are only getting bigger and using Railroad Avenue would be a great way to keep trucks out of residential areas. Chris asked about the possibility of taking out the short curbs by the Loosli elevator. Councilman Funke said we would need to coordinate with ITD on that but the City is willing. It is a hazard to turn onto Idaho from Hwy 20 but maybe there would be another alternative.

B. **Park Project Changes – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson** **ACTION ITEM**

Marvin explained that in the bid the curbing was to end right at the north end of the pool. The contractor has suggested that the City extend the curb and gutter just past the concrete pad making it so the paving would end up at the curb and gutter. It will make it so later on a contractor would not need to cut to put in curb and gutter going north. It could tie in to the ADA ramp that goes to the concrete pad. Forrest said he would spray grass and haul in gravel to make it nice. The second item is the south side of the pool with the drop off. In the plans they were just leave it as a sort of hill. Forrest suggested a keystone retaining wall which would be flexible and last longer than concrete. The Council has an example in their packets. Councilwoman Hansen asked about the parking on the West and the North. Marvin explained that the Council had to choose because of costs and the East side was more important. The project requirements were also to have ADA compliancy for pool and East side. The rest will have to be done in phases.

Councilman Funke made a motion to extend curb 80 feet, construct the retaining wall and amend the budget to cover it. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. **Wastewater Project Update – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson** **ACTION ITEM**

Marvin explained that the contractor with Phase I of the project is waiting until the site is dried up enough to finalize grading. They have been working on some punch list items but are still on winter shut down. Phase II of the project has started and there is a map in the packet.

D. **Multi-Use Court Grant – Mayor Stronks** **ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Stronks announced that the City has gotten the grant for the multi-use court. Keller Associates are going to survey the property for free. He is now waiting for the State to send the information on the grant rules. Councilman Funke asked that before they start with any demolition that they get documentation from Carlos Huerta to enter his property. City Attorney Angell will get in touch with Mr. Huerta to get permission.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

A. **P&Z Report – P&Z Administrator Sara Bowersox**

Administrator Bowersox explained that when she stepped into this new job, Mayor Stronks asked if she would come to the City Council meetings through the summer to keep them informed. There have been some permits and there are some on the way. City Clerk Stegelmeier had put copies of letters to the Opera House and to Ott's Place. At Ott's place the new owner wants residential use on the ground floor which is not allowed by code. He has come back with another application and there will be more discussion. Administrator Bowersox mentioned that there has been trouble getting people to serve on P&Z Commission. The City can choose to have a commission or not. If not, the Council would hear the P&Z issues. Perhaps in a small community – this is a better solution. Administrator Bowersox then talked about communication and asked the Council and Mayor to send

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people to her when they have questions. There have been some miscommunications and if they will not try to answer and just send them to her – miscommunication could have been avoided. Mayor Stronks thanked Administrator Bowersox for her time.

B. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier went through the next month’s schedule with the Council & Mayor.

7. 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.

Councilman Funke is of the opinion that the City should put underground sprinklers in at the ballfield. He will work with Forrest to get bid documents and bids to see what kind of budget will be needed. He will also approach Fremont County School Superintendent Stutzman to see if they would partner on the costs.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I.C. 74-206 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.

(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general;

(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;

Councilman Atchley made a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. Mayor Stronks called a roll call vote: Councilman Mattingly, aye; Councilman Funke, aye; Councilman Atchley, aye. The motion passed.

The Council entered Executive Session at 8:37 PM.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to exit Executive Session. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council exited Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Funke made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Special Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 12, 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