

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 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: Tom Mattingly
PLEDGE LED BY: Tadd Atchley

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, Marvin Fielding, Sheryl Hill and Jaden Jackson.

Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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 Meeting Minutes 6-14-2018
- B. **Treasurers Report** - 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

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

2. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Street Slurry Coat – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Todd Martindale **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the slurry coat was discussed at employee meeting and she is concerned about letting everyone know about it so they can plan to keep their cars off the roads the required amount of time. Mayor Stronks said that first the guys need to tell us where they are starting, etc. Councilman Atchley inquired as to whether we should put this off until the water line work is completed. The road can then be sealed and look/drive better. Councilman Funke and Councilwoman Hansen agree that Councilman Atchley has a good point. The roads could wait just a little longer and be better for the wait.

Councilman Atchley made a motion that the slurry coat be put off until sewer project done in town. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. Wastewater Project Phase II Bid Consideration – Marvin Fielding, Rick Miller, City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angel **ACTION ITEM**

The Council needs to discuss the project because the bid came in at 1.9 million and there was 1.3 million budgeted. City Clerk Stegelmeier had inquired about any more loan forgiveness and/or more loan for the bond amount. There is about \$187,000 left to the maximum bond amount. Councilman Funke asked if there would be money in 2019. Rick replied that it would be difficult – possibly the army corps might have more funds available. It is typically easier while bids are open but the City could try. It would be unlikely and the City would not be eligible for more CDBG funds. Councilman Atchley feels that

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the City should try to come up with the money and do it now instead of putting items off until another project. He thinks the schedule & bid are better than the treatment plant bid. Rick miller is projecting that the City would have to pay \$450,000 from savings. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the City has savings that could be used but encouraged caution. Councilman Atchley thinks that instead of considering investing cash, the City should put this into the project. Costs are going up and he feels the City will make more by putting in this infrastructure than investing it. Councilman Funke would hate to go back and go through all the hoops to do what is left later. Marvin explained that the contractor will not be starting until September. He has been asked not to disturb the streets too much prior to winter plowing.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the bid from 3H construction on Phase II of the wastewater project. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Wastewater Project Phase I Progress Report – Marvin Fielding, City Clerk Stegelmeier
Marvin explained that the pond will need to be completed by August 4th so the liner can be applied. It will take three weeks to line it. Then it will take a month to fill the pond to perform the seepage test done prior to winter. There were 19 trucks working. It is a tight schedule but it is doable.
- C. City Park Project Bid Consideration – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson, Pauline Johnson, City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angel, **ACTION ITEM**
The bid came in on the pool lining. It was for \$59,000. The contractor needs to have a debarred check and get a public works license. It is the only bid but pool contractors are few. Mayor Stronks explained that the pool cost \$1300 when the City bought it in the 70's. Marvin showed the Council the plans for the sidewalks at the pool. The Council is hoping that the bids will come in good enough to complete the parking on the east and by the pool as well as the walking path and bathroom pad. Marvin asked if the Council would be willing to offer flexibility to the contractor to complete the project next year. The Councilmembers were willing to be flexible.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the Mastercraft Pool & Spa bid for \$ 59,000 contingent on completion of a debarred check and receipt of a public work license. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. AURA Sidewalk Project – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson **ACTION ITEM**
The Council talked about the bid walkthrough. There were tree contractors in attendance. The bid was scheduled to be open next Tuesday but it will be pushed back a week.

4. WORKSHOP:

- A. Fiscal Year 2018 Budget – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
The Council talked about the employee insurance rates. The discussed the high cost of insurance. Councilman Mattingly explained that many places have changed their insurance and it has caused some of the employees to leave. Mayor Stronks explained that he has tried to keep the employees insurance throughout his tenure but speaking to other Mayors, he is wondering if the City should change the policy. Councilman Mattingly doesn't care what other Mayors are saying. Councilman Atchley expressed his opinion that taking care of the insurance is a great way to take care of employees. City Clerk Stegelmeier asked if the Council would set a date for a budget workshop. The Council will meet July 25th at 6 PM for a budget workshop. They will have a supper meeting with pizza.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

- A. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council. Due to Caselle training, the October meeting will be moved from the 10th to the 3rd.

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.

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Marvin Fielding asked the Council if they would mind if the park project was bid with the alternative to start next year. The Council said that would work.

Councilwoman Hansen asked about the Old Opera House Bar. City Attorney Angel explained that the owners have received a letter from the City with 90 days to come into compliance. There has been no movement from the owners. Hopefully the problem will get solved next month.

Councilman Funke asked everyone if they had seen the 4th of July drone video. He asked City Attorney Angel if the City would be responsible if there was a wreck or something with that drone. City Attorney Angel said that even with approval from the City – the City would not be responsible unless it was City equipment and personnel.

There was some discussion on weeds on private properties.

The Visitor Center kiosks are not up. Hopefully they will be soon.

7. 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. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the vote. A roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council entered executive session at 8:20 PM. City Clerk Stegelmeier was asked to leave.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilman Mattingley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council exited Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, 8, 2018, 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