

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (North Entrance)

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*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.*

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### CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

**PRAYER OFFERED BY: Teddy Stronks**

**PLEDGE LED BY: Brett Pincock**

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

**Also Present:** City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Vic Lowe, Tom Howell, Bernetta Hansen, Judy Smith and Linda Janssen.

**Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.**  
**Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

### 1. AMEND AGENDA:

A. 3. APPOINTMENTS: A. City Park Improvement Committee – Mayor Stronks

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to accept the Amend Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

### 2. 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 Council Meeting Minutes 6-11-14.
- 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 Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

### 3. APPOINTMENTS:

A. City Park Improvements Committee – Mayor Stronks

Councilman Pincock made a motion to set City Park Improvement committee. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed vote 2 to 1.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to approve the board members as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. 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. State Highway Crossing – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Officer Griffel  
City Clerk Stegelmeier presented the letter she was directed to prepare to send to the Idaho Transportation Department. Mayor Stronks and the Council signed the letter.
- B. Mosquito Control – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier reported that she has spoken with Scott Butigan who is the Public Works

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Director for the City of St. Anthony to ask about mosquito control. Scott explained that they have a fogger that is mounted in the bed of a pickup that is dedicated to mosquito control. The fogger automatically slows down as the vehicle slows. Spraying is done 3 nights per week; Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The spraying has to be done right about at dusk. He said we would need to think about how the City is laid out in order to figure out the route but in St. Anthony they go the longest streets. The applicator does not need to be certified to do this job. Scott explained that the fogger costs between \$5,500 and \$7,500 and the spray will cost around \$1,500 each year. The Council discussed trying to budget for this in Fiscal Year 2015.

C. Budget FY2015 – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier discussed the budget with the Council. The Council will meet on July 23<sup>rd</sup> for a budget workshop.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:**

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

A. Recycling Committee – Linda Janssen, Sara Bowersox

Linda Janssen came to Council to give them an update on the recycling project. The recycling program started in 2011. A local group of volunteer asked the City to provide an area for bins and asked the County to purchase the bins. It is a pilot project for recycling in Fremont County. The first only had the trailer with several bins but soon the County added an entire trailer for cardboard. The County empties the trailer and receives any money from the recyclables. The committee is hoping now to use some fundraising along with some seed money received through the Horizons program to build a roof over the recycling bins. They are also looking to add an entire trailer similar to the cardboard trailer for plastics. Councilman Pincock asked if the roof would be anchored. Linda explained that it would be professionally built to code. The local seniors love to recycle and the ice and snow make it difficult to dangerous at times. The recycling center has enough room for now but could be expanded in the future. The success of the recycling program has surprised everyone involved. Councilwoman Hansen asked if there are problems with things getting messy like we have had in the past. Linda said it has been better in the new location. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her appreciation for the project which has been a big success.

B. Fisherman’s Breakfast – City Councilwoman Hansen

Councilwoman Hansen that she read that the group putting on the Fisherman’s Breakfast because they are thinking they may need to discontinue it for lack of volunteers to help. She is asking the Mayor and City Council if they would be willing to go down and help. The Council expressed their willingness to help if possible and Mayor Stronks directed Councilwoman Hansen to offer their help to the group.

C. Plat Amendment, Sign Issue – P&Z Administrator Susan Baker

P & Z Administrator Baker explained that Carlos Huerta needed to change his plat. He is going to change it so that a shared driveway is made into property owned by the first lot. She then explained that the City had allowed the Jessens to put up a sign in the past for their RV Park. The new owner of the Park would like to change the sign with his information. The City Code now allows for off sight signs so that is not a problem but the City would need to give permission because the sign is on City property.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to approve the plat amendment as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to allow the Jessen sign to be updated but not expanded. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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D. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

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

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

Linda Janssen explained that one of the Archives computers will need to be updated. Also, she reported that the Archives has a new donation, received that day, of albums concerning the 116 Engineers Korean expedition. It was a collection owned by Lynn Allison. It is going to be a big project.

The Chamber of Commerce will be having the Fremont County Historical Society at their next meeting to talk about a museum. The Chamber also was instrumental in getting the ITD to change their signage about the road construction changed. The signs were making it so that many tourists were bypassing Ashton. She feels like the Chamber should be thanked for their assistance.

**7. 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, August 13, 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:

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor