

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

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: Tadd Atchley
PLEDGE LED BY: Teresa Hansen

In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Brett Pincock, Teresa Hansen, Becky Harrigfeld and Tadd Atchley.

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier and Sheryl Hill.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Stronks explained that he has some information from the Urban Renewal Agency meeting to add to the agenda under new business.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss Urban Renewal Agency meeting information. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

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 7-8-2015, Special Meetings 7-21-2015 & 8-4-2015.
- 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 Atchley made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

2. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. FY2016 Budget – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk went over the budget with the Council. She went over some of the changes in the wages and benefits in each fund that were changed in order to accommodate the raise in insurance. The Council has more information concerning wages that will need to be discussed in an executive session.

3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Eagle Project – B.J. Hatton
B.J. Hatton is here to explain that he is ready to begin on his Eagle Scout project. He would like permission from the Council to fix the playground at the park by adding bark under the playground equipment, raking and weeding the gravel by the swing set and adding sand around the merry-go-round. He is still working out the numbers for the cost but he will be fundraising to complete the project so there will be no expense to the City. Councilwoman Hansen congratulated B.J. on his professional presentation. Councilman Atchley thought that it was a great project.

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Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion that B.J. Hatton can clean up and fix the park as presented for his Eagle Scout project. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Eagle Project – Jack Wynn

Mayor Stronks explained that Jack has contacted him and has picked a project that is not a City project.

C. Snow Removal – Rachel Cardell

Rachelle explained that she had contacted the City Clerk to see if the Library District still had a contract with the City for snow removal. City Clerk Stegelmeier had explained to her that it wasn't a contract, it was just an agreement that each year they would discuss the snow removal and decide. Mayor Stronks asked Rachelle if there was a reciprocal agreement – that the City could use the Community Center for meetings, etc. in exchange for the plowing. Rachelle said that the City has been allowed to use the building for elections, swimming pool sign-ups and other meetings. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that elections are a County item now – the City does not run them but that the City does use it for the swimming lesson sign-ups. Councilwoman Hansen asked if the budget is there for plowing. Mayor Stronks said that he does not know how long it takes for them to plow it. He asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to get with the guys to find out. Mayor Stronks also explained that the Council should consider that there are businesses who would like to have the contract to plow. Councilwoman Hansen asked Rachelle if the Council could get back with her after their next meeting. Rachelle said yes and then explained that the guys just do such a great job. It is done early and is nice & clean. Mayor Stronks thanked Rachelle for her time.

D. Chamber of Commerce – Julie Maurer, Rachel Hatton

Julie and Rachel are at Council representing the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce. They are hoping for the Council's support in requesting that the Grand Teton Relay move their race into July. The August schedule is dangerous because of the harvest with trucks and combines, etc. It also has made it harder for the Mesa Falls Marathon because some runners cannot run in both because of timing. The Chamber is going to contact the Grand Teton Relay for a discussion but might need some help, like a letter, to help support them. There was discussion on the amount of cars, traffic, grain trucks, etc. Councilwoman Harrigfeld explained that the farmers have had trouble with the runners and traffic in the past. Mayor Stronks thanked them for their time and asked that they keep the City informed about the situation.

E. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Mayor and Council.

F. Urban Renewal – Mayor Stronks

Mayor Stronks explained that Stacey Wynn had brought to the Urban Renewal Agency the suggestion that they could pay for the tree trimming on Main Street because it is in their approved area. The Agency also discussed helping with the parking around the park and the tennis court. The latter projects may take some time as the new Agency area taxes will not come in for a while. Mayor Stronks explained that the Agency will have to rebid the project. Councilwoman Harrigfeld thought that it is great that they will pay but is concerned that the Council's work on the specifications will be followed. City Clerk Stegelmeier suggested using the Lawn Tech bid (as that was the Council's chosen bidder) to help in typing up a suggestion for the Agency to use for bidding, etc. Councilwoman Harrigfeld and Councilwoman Hansen feel that the parking around the park will be a great project.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to let the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency conduct bidding and hire someone for the work according to the specifications of the City Council. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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4. 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

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to enter Executive Session. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called: Atchley - aye, Hansen - aye and Harrigfeld - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Councilman Atchley made the motion to add a 5% raise for the full time employees in the proposed budget. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 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, September 9, 2015, 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