

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

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: Teresa Hansen**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Teddy Stronks**

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

**Also in attendance:** City Clerk Stegelmeier, Marvin Fielding, Lisa Smith, Cathy Miller, Bryan Miller, Rick Gokey, Eric Nielson, Chad Nielson, Mike Doyle, Jeremy Harris, Stephen Pinckard, Dallas Hill and Jaden Jackson.

**Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.**

Mayor Stronks explained that Kathy Miller is here and would like to speak to the Council about the Habitat for Humanity project on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilman Funke made a motion to add Habitat for Humanity - Cathy Miller to NEW BUSINESS. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 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 8-7-2018, Special Meeting Minutes 8-29-2018, 9-4-2018
- 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

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

### 2. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:

- A. Ashton Resolution 18-03 – City Records Retention Schedule  
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she just wanted to give the Council a copy so they could be prepared to vote on it at the next month's meeting. She explained that City Attorney Angel is reviewing it. She has had the police and public works department go through their sections and has edited the document to fit their departments records needs.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. 2019 Liquor Licenses – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**  
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that all but two of the applicants have submitted all of the required materials. She is waiting to receive a Fremont County licenses from Spurs & Spokes Saloon and 511 Main.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to approve all the liquor licenses applications contingent upon receipt of their county licenses. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Habitat for Humanity – Cathy Miller  
Cathy Miller is here to ask the City if they could help with some trees on the Habitat for Humanity's properties. The biggest concern is a tree stump on the old Brady property. It was quite a large tree

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and Habitat has already paid to have the tree removed but there is a stump. The company who removed the tree made a suggestion to have an excavator come in and Habitat has contacted Doug Hillam but they have been on the wait list for quite a while. They are concerned about the possible damage to City water lines and street from the removal. She is asking if the City could help with the removal. Councilman Funke explained that the City does not have an excavator big enough and that the removal of the tree is a personal situation. Cathy explained that the tree is in the City's street property. Teresa said that it would still be the homeowner who planted the tree. There may be a way that the City can assist with the asphalt costs because the City will be doing a project close by. The City public works can be at the site to help in avoiding problems. Cathy said that Habitat will be working on the Thompson property first and then come back to this property next year.

- C. PSI Garbage Update & Rate Discussion – Mike Doyle, Jeremy Harris **ACTION ITEM**  
Mike Doyle is here to talk trash with the City. Fremont County is raising rates at the dump. It will drastically change the rates on garbage. He explained that right now the City's rates will double. With the figure turning out to be 1 ton a year from each house and the commercial is worse. The County has had several information meetings but they will have to raise rates. Councilman Mattingly asked if the Marysville garbage is making our costs higher. Mike replied that the distance between pickups make a difference in price – not necessarily the number of pickups. Out in the County they pay more and they will double also. Mike reminded the Council that this is just a pass through cost – PSI will be paying that cost on to the County. Councilwoman Hansen asked when the contract will be up with PSI. Mike joked that he hoped never but he thinks it is 2020. City Clerk Stegelmeier asked if the City could get a price list as soon as possible. She also asked if it would be possible to get some information to put out in the City's newsletter. Mike will get with Cathy on information for the newsletter. Mike said he has been in that business 20 years and has never seen this sharp of a raise in costs.
- D. Nielson Land Proposal – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Eric Nielson, Chad Nielson **ACTION ITEM**  
Eric Nielson explained that as farmers, they are trying to optimize production. They want to work with the City. This year has been rough with the construction. The construction company broke the mainline and their system has been down all summer. But now it is on to the fall. The Nielson's would like to propose a circle to water the ground back behind the ditch. They would like to purchase or lease that ground. The Council has a map of their current plan. The other item they would like to discuss with the City is the ability to graze the land application site following the end of the land application. Eric explained that other land application sites are allowed to have grazing 30 days after the final application of effluent. Those places have found nitrogen is lower when they have grazed the site. Councilman Funke has some concerns about the cows hurting equipment on the site. Eric said that they would be responsible for any damages. Councilwoman Hansen would like to speak with the City Attorney concerning the lease agreement prior to giving the go ahead on the pivot. Councilman Funke said they would need to amend the lease. Eric explained that they would prefer to buy the ground. Councilman Funke inquired about how the power would run to the pivot. Eric said it that they will be using the same pump as now. Mayor Stronks explained that the City will try to discuss both items in a timely manner. Chad Nielson said that he could use the site for grazing this fall if we get things pinned down. He said the City was done as of the 15<sup>th</sup> of September with the effluent so he could graze as early as the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. That would give 3 weeks of grazing on the circle. Councilman Funke explained that the City would need to get written permission from the DEQ first. Councilwoman Hansen asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to put the discussion on the next agenda to keep it moving.

#### 4. 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 I Progress Report – Jaden Jackson, City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**

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Jaden is here to give an update on the Phase 1 out at the lagoon. Moving right along. The inside is all done. The contractor is working on the outside of the dyke. Most if not all the material is on site. There should be no more trucks for a while. If everything done this week the liner will start next week. Councilwoman Hansen asked why there are trucks of dirt coming out of the site. Jaden thought that it was probably an empty truck with just dust coming out. The Council would like to tour the site. Jaden said they should get with public works and check it out.

- B. AURA Sidewalk Progress Report– Jaden Jackson, City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**  
Jaden explained that the preconstruction meeting was held that day. DePatco will start next week. There will be some flagging on Main Street next week. The finish date is October 20. Everyone is hoping for good weather.
- C. City Park Project– Jaden Jackson, Pauline Johnson, City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**  
Jaden explained that the pre-bid walkthrough on the project will be September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm and the bids will be opened on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.
- D. Council Chamber Sound System – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**  
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she had gotten another bid on a sound system. She explained that Dallas Hill, who gave the second bid, is here tonight if they wanted to get clarification. Dallas did go over the bid a little with the Council. They will discuss it more at the next meeting after they have gone over the bid. Councilman Mattingly is concerned that there is good camera and sound records for safety.
- E. Computer Tech Proposal – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**  
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the proposal with the Council. They would like to just work the way they have for now.

### 5. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

- A. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**  
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the proposed schedule with the Council.

### 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.*

Councilman Funke explained that the Farmer’s Own Ditch Company and the North Fremont Canal Systems will be going ahead with the pipe project. The vote was 71 for and 19 against. The Council thanked Jerry for representing them at the meeting. .

### 7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

### NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Special Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, October 3, 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:

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor