

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 14, 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: Tom Mattingly
PLEDGE LED BY: Tadd Atchley

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Rick Gokey, Lisa Smith, Sheryl Hill, Greg Griffel, Stephen Pinkard, Sterling Nelson, Margaret Howe, Brian Hatton, Rachel Hatton, BJ Hatton, Molly Hatton, Tom Howell, Delena Stronks, John Scafe, Terry DeLong and Marvin Fielding.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7pm.

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 Special Meeting Minutes 12-12-2018, Special Meeting Minutes 12-19-2018
- 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

2. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. State of the City Address – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks gave his state of the City address.
- B. Committee Appointments – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks nominated himself and Sheila Kellogg to the AURA Board.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve the appointments of Teddy Stronks and Sheila Kellogg to the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Cardboard Recycling – Joseph Corbett, Jeremy Harris **ACTION ITEM**
Stephen Pinkard is here to speak for Jeremy Harris of PSI. City Clerk Stegelmeier had discussed the possibility of a local person who may want to start collecting the cardboard from businesses as a service. Stephen explained that if the Mayor and Council felt like it would be beneficial PSI would be able to provide something for cardboard recycling. Stephen suggests a roll off dumpster. PSI would pick it up and take it to St. Anthony where it could be dumped at the County recycling area at the landfill. Fremont County does not charge for cardboard. This service would cost the City \$125 per haul. There would be 1-2 hauls per month. Mayor Stronks explained that Dave Jacobsen has been taking all the cardboard he could get from local businesses to recycle. Businesses have a lot of cardboard and with the new fees the businesses could use some help. Stephen explained that it would have to be a dumpster that made it so the cardboard had to be broken down and/or be locked. Rexburg and Idaho Falls provide recycling areas with dumpsters. Councilman Mattingly explained that this would be costly for the City and wondered about charging the businesses to pay for the program. Stephen will check with City Clerk Stegelmeier to see if he needs to follow up by coming to the next City Council meeting.

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- B. Frozen Water Concerns – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she is concerned about billing for frozen water lines. There is already on line frozen and in the past the City has handled the problem by using water from the frozen home’s neighbor. City Clerk Stegelmeier would like to see a meter on the borrowed water so that there the billing is straight forward – no guessing or estimating. Councilman Atchley will speak to the public works department about the problem.
- C. Search and Rescue Support Letter – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the Fremont County Search and Rescue Team are applying for a grant and asked if the City would send a letter of support. The Mayor and Council signed the letter.

4. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. American Dog Derby – John Scafe, Police Chief Griffel **ACTION ITEM**
John Scafe is here to let the City know that the American Dog Derby is looking good to go for this year’s race. The historic event is getting a lot of support with new people coming on board. The businesses are supportive. The insurance has come through and the permit should come through soon. John appreciates everyone’s patience and support. There are 7 teams registered so far. Harley Hill (Hurricane Harley) is excited about racing here in Ashton. John is working on getting volunteers to help move snow. They are short on veterinarians to check the dogs. He is excited for Ashton to continue to have this historic event. Mayor Stronks thanked John and his committee for their time.
- B. Archives Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Police Chief Griffel, City Archivist Barbara Moon, Tom Howell, Linda Janssen, Bernetta Hansen and Margaret Howe **ACTION ITEM**
Mayor Stronks explained that he, Councilwoman Hansen and City Clerk Stegelmeier had attended a Fremont County District Library board meeting to propose gifting them the Ashton Archives. The board accepted the gift. They asked if the City could move the Ashton Archive to the Ashton Community Center. It will be housed on the second floor to the east. They are hoping in the future to install a lift for those who may have trouble with stairs. Tom Howell said the Fremont County Historical Museum is willing to help move the Archive to the new location. He would offer to move items that are not archival to the museum. He also explained that if the Library District was looking for a grant – the CHC Foundation Grant cycle is ending soon. City Clerk Stegelmeier asked the Archive committee members and volunteers who are in attendance if they could help with the move. A date was set to meet and discuss the move.
- C. Wastewater Project Phase I – Marvin Fielding **ACTION ITEM**
Marvin explained that Phase I is in winter shutdown. Marvin has received a call from DEQ requesting a letter from the City stating that the City will not be renewing permit from NDPEs. Marvin explained that with the new storage pond there will be no need for a permit. Marvin reported that as his last item – there are a couple small change order for Phase I. One is a change of power zone in the chlorine building in order to have the right clearance. The second is stainless steel hardware at the chlorine building. These items were not included when the project was bid. There were also 22 days that the engineers have counted as weather delays. The council discussed the change order. Mayor Stronks thanked Marvin for his time.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to be approved change order for \$2,919.22 for new hardware and moving power including adding 22 weather delay days. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Bank Bids – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Key Bank representatives had met with her and have changed some of the charges on the City’s account. She would like to see how those changes work prior to

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bringing a recommendation back to the Council.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

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

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council. The Council set a date for employee/Council photos on February 5th.

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 expressed concern of where snow will be placed if the City runs out of area at the Wye. Mayor Stronks explained that it is placed on the gravel portion of Railroad Avenue. Councilman Funke wondered if Carlos Huerta might be amenable to letting the City use some of his property for snow storage. It was discussed that if needed – the Council will revisit the discussion.

Councilwoman Hansen would like to discuss a change in where the dog pound is located at the next Council meeting.

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.

(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

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

The Council entered Executive Session at 7:44 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 7:59 PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Special Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, February 13, 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.

This meeting will serve as the Ashton City Council's January meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest:

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor