

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 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

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, .Keith Richey, Desi , Rogers, Martin Gallagher, Matt Heck, Alonzo, Ted Sturm, (more fire guys), Delray Jensen, Bryan Hatton, Tracy Garcia, James Hawkes,

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

1. TABLE TOP EXERCISE:

An exercise directed by the Fremont County Emergency Manager designed to help local churches with emergency preparation. Everyone who makes the community a safer place. Talking about shootings, etc. in the country. Have an hour meeting.

Mayor Stronks explained that he had been discussing the subject of how to handle an emergency such as a shooting at one of the City's churches with some local ministers and thought it may be better to discuss it as a group. He then asked whether Keith or Bob would like to start the discussion. Bob Foster explained that each congregation will need to get a plan started. Each plan will be similar. The preparation and proactive points are about the same. The police and EMS practice and train a lot. To get a congregation together is maybe a whole different ballgame. The key will be situational awareness. Bob gave a faith based emergency planning kit with information to write an emergency plan. The kit also has emergency phone numbers and contact numbers, etc.

Keith then spoke about some of the issues facing our nation and possibly us here in Ashton. He gave some statistics. There were 42 people killed in United States in 2017. The Texas church shooting was 29 people. Keith then went over the FBI's strategy which is RUN-HIDE-FIGHT. I means that the 1st thing to do is to leave if you can (RUN). If that is not possible, try to find a room and then area to HIDE. If both fail – you will need to FIGHT. If you have to fight – remember that you will need to plan on killing that person. Chief Griffel explained that a shooters best friend is compliance. It has to be a choice and each person has to keep make their own choice.

Desi explained that she is uncomfortable with the 'pistol on the pulpit' idea. Chief Griffel explained that each congregation will have to make that decision. If there is a shooting, the Ashton Police Department will go in right away, they will not wait for backup. As the police come in they will ask everyone to get down. Even if you have information for the police, get down. As they clear your area – tell them your information. If you know who the shooter is or there is a description they need, tell them as they go through. The first time through they will not have EMS with them, the second time EMS will be with them and will be checking wounds to schedule the most life threatening. The third time – the threat should be neutralized and depending on the injury, each patient will be helped. Throughout this time, the fire department will be holding a perimeter. Perpetrators have been known to act as the wounded and/or flee the scene with victims. This is

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why it is important to tell what you know to officers, etc. so that they cannot get away with the crime.

From here, this group will need floor plans and an area map. Keith also can come in and film the interior of each building to help officers know the layout if an event occurs. Bob recommends that each congregation invest in an AED (about \$900 for the machine and a cupboard for it) and the county has free stop the bleed kits that are available. Most instances are 3 to 5 minutes.

Mayor Stronks thanked everyone for the time and asked if everyone would want to meet again. A meeting was planned for February 21st at 7 pm.

2. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stronks adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

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

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, February 14, 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 Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor