

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 27, 2020

1:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

*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.*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing will be required which may impact the amount of people able to attend the meeting. Masks are required if social distancing is not possible due to the current mask mandate by the East Idaho Public Health District.

ALSO: Temperature screening will be required.

Please do not attend the meeting if you feel sick or have been around those who have been sick.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

In Attendance: Tom Mattingly, Jerry Funke, Tadd Atchley and John Kaelberer. Councilwoman Hansen was excused.

Also, in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Deputy Clerk Warnke, Todd Martindale, Brett Griffel, Michele Smith and Marvin Fielding.

Mayor Mattingly called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Regular Business:

Discussion of the Council and invited agency representatives. Questions or comments from the public may be brought to the representatives or councilmembers after the meeting.

1. **Railroad Avenue Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson**

Marvin came to discuss the LTHAC grant that the City had been awarded. The grant is for \$100,000 to be used to pave Railroad Avenue. There is the possibility of asking for an extension but the City would need to request the extension soon. The amount of money is not enough to do the project as the Council would like the project to be completed. In the last discussion on the project the Council asked if the grant could be used to get a storm drain installed. The answer from LTHAC was that a paving component would need to be part of the project. The Council began to go over the examples that Marvin brought from a discussion last year to decide which example is most like what the Council would like to accomplish on Railroad Avenue. Mayor Mattingly asked if the money had to be used on Railroad Avenue or could we pave somewhere else – the money has to be used on Railroad Avenue. Discussion turned to the width of the road and the trucks turning on it. Councilman Atchley expressed his opinion that the way the road is now is what the citizens will be expecting in the future. Councilman Funke said that Jersey barriers could be used and we could change the way the operators use the road. Councilman Funke also asked if the money could be used to pave from Idaho Street south to the county road. Marvin said it has to be used between Idaho Street and Main Street on Railroad Avenue. Councilman Atchley has spoken to John Toenjes – who owns some of the property that is being used as a road now. Councilman Atchley says that John will work with the City when the Council has him come to discuss the project. More discussion was had on the storm drain and Marvin explained that there will need to be some testing for rock in order to know how much could be done. City Clerk Stegelmeier reminded the Council that this grant could only be used for construction and that the engineering will be a cost to the City. The City has planned to do chip sealing in 2021 but had not planned for a project. The money will need to come from the General Fund as the Street Fund does not have the

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cash for a project. Councilman Kaelberer asked what the problem with just asphaltting what we can and not worry about concrete edging, etc. Councilman Atchley explained that with the truck traffic, etc. the edges of the pavement will chip off and the road will become a mess. Mayor Mattingly asked the Council how they would like to proceed. Councilman Funke asked Marvin for an estimate for the design costs. Marvin said it is usually around 10% of construction so about \$15,000.

Councilman Funke made a motion that the City apply for an extension and start the design process. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Surplus Sale Item Consideration – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that there are 3 items that the public works department would like to sell as surplus items. The items are a pull behind street sweeper, a fuel tank and 2 metal gates. The council has a list of the prices that the public works employees have researched to suggest for the Council. Councilman Kaelberer asked Todd Martindale if the fuel tank was on a trailer. Todd replied that it was not. Councilman Funke asked if the sweeper has its own motor. It does not.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to declare the items as surplus and sell for the following prices: street sweeper \$400-\$850, fuel tank \$300 and gates \$125 each. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 1:41 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ City Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, November 11, 2020 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:

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor