

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

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: Teddy Stronks**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Tom Mattingly**

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

**Also, in attendance:** City Clerk Stegelmeier, P&Z Administrator Bowersox, Blake Taylor, Michele Smith, Marvin Fielding, John Scafe and Lisa Smith.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 6:58 pm

### 1. AMEND AGENDA:

*Any items added less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting are added by Council motion at this time.*

**5. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS: A. City Election Recount – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Councilman Mattingly**  
Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the amend agenda by adding **ACTION ITEM** to the Scout Project Update and add City Election Recount to New Business. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### 2. 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 11-13-2019, Special Meetings 8-28-2019
- 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 to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion carried 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. City Election Recount – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Councilman Mattingly  
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the recount was completed and there was a change in the results. Teresa Hansen and Jerry Funke were declared the winners by the Attorney General's office following the recount. She then asked Councilman Mattingly if he would explain the procedure that happened at the recount. Councilman Mattingly explained that Nick Warden from the Attorney General's office was there as well as the County Clerk and election staff. They went through the ballots and read the votes on each one. Councilman Mattingly observed that there were some ballots on which the voter chose more than the two candidates that were requested on the ballot. The ballots with more than the two selected were then scrutinized to see if the voter's intent could be observed. There were two of those ballots that the voter's intent was not clear and were thrown out. This resulted in the loss of two votes for John Scafe which, in turn, gave Jerry Funke the lead by one vote. There was some discussion about the process and voter instruction. It was a very interesting process but did take a long time. St. Anthony also had a recount, but it did not result in a change in the results. Both Jerry Funke and John Scafe explained that they are happy with the results and felt that the process was fair. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she will have a letter or order from the Attorney General's office for the Council at the next meeting.
- B. American Dog Derby 2020 – John Scafe  
John Scafe is here to speak to the Council about the American Dog Derby that will be held February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Right now, the snow is not looking good, but he is hoping for some good snow in January and early February. He will be bringing the insurance papers to the City as soon as they are

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received. It has been a new insurance company, etc. so there has been a little more work to get everything set up. John is going to go to West Yellowstone, Montana to observe their dog race and he is looking forward to the Banff Film Festival in Idaho Falls in late January. At the festival – they really get the word out about the American Dog Derby. Many racers like the American Dog Derby because it starts downtown with spectators. The race is pretty unique because it can be observed for most of the trail. John is hoping that the City will still support the event. The City Council said they are dedicated to the race.

#### 4. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

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

##### A. Multi-Purpose Court Update – Mayor Stronks **ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Stronks reported that the court is excavated and ready for the court. The weather is preventing the finish. Unless weather changes drastically – the court will not be completed until the spring. He would like to ask the Council if they would be willing to dedicate the money from the surplus sale to the multi-court project. He has some letters ready to go out to individual donors/businesses and hopefully they will donate to the project.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to assign the surplus sale proceeds of \$448 to the Multi-Purpose Court project. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

##### B. Wastewater Project – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the change order with the City Council. Many of the items had been part of discussions at previous meetings.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve the change order for \$6,650 and add 62 days to the contract time because of rock/weather delays as presented. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

##### C. Comprehensive Plan Update – P&Z Administrator Bowersox

P&Z Administrator Bowersox explained that the dates have had to be changed for the first town hall meeting on the comprehensive plan update. The day was going to conflict with musical event at the school. The newly scheduled date is Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Councilman Funke has reserved the Community Center. The City's P&Z Commission will meet prior and will be reaching out personally to get business owners to come to the meeting. The survey that they will be reaching out with is in the Council's packet tonight. They will take survey and go around and drum up interest. P&Z Administrator Bowersox will get a press release to local news – print and other news. She then reported that the buildings that had been started on Highway 20 have been moved and everything is good. The Police Chief, Fire Chief and she have gone over event center requirements with the owners of the former Teton Fitness. They will be up to code prior to the next event. The Opera House bar has gotten the instructions but have not completed the upgrades to be up to code. The owner does seem to be working on it, but it is slow going. The owners of the former Ott's Place are starting to get going on their project.

##### D. Eagle Scout Projects Update – Michele Smith

Michele reported that Zac Pilgrim has delivered the picnic tables and they are in the shop. She then turned over time to Blake Taylor who has a quote and would like to present it to the Council. Blake explained that he would like to complete his eagle project before they change the program. He had talked to Michele to see if she had any ideas/projects that he could complete. They decided on making items for a dog park at the Visitor Center park. Asked Aaron Reynolds for help and he helped with the plans. There are two ramps and platform with stairs. The dog can climb on it – kids could play on it too. Blake explained that they are making it out of pressure treating wood so that it will last longer to make it last longer for the City. It will also be made so that it can be removed for the winter. It will be stored on the porch at the visitor center. Councilman Atchley said it is great but if you can save money may be treated wood isn't necessary. Michele said the treated wood would be a lot better to get. Councilman Funke said they could save some money right away because the City is

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tax exempt. Michele will make sure that the cost does not include tax. Councilwoman Hansen thinks the project will be great.

Councilman Atchley made a motion that the City pay for the materials as presented in Blake’s bid. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Light Pole Light Donation Report – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier told them about the donations that have been given so far. Keller, Associates - \$1000; PSI - \$500 and 3 Rivers Ranch - \$600 (two fixtures). She has information out to other places for donation. The Council gave her more ideas.
- F. Senior Citizen Van – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
Mayor Stronks asked if Todd or Brett had spoken to Blair. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the guys knew that Blair would not be amenable to having the van at the County sheds. Mayor Stronks thinks there is plenty of room in the shop. He asked Michele if she thought there was room. Michele said there are things that could be cleaned out, but she hasn’t addressed that end of the building. She did say that the backing out of the shop is a potential problem. Maybe there is a way to make that easier. Mayor Stronks said the van should remain in the shop.

### 5. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

- A. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the City Council. She is hoping that several of them will attend the AIC training on Thursday.

### 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 there seem to be several dogs running around town.

Mayor Stronks reported on a meeting he and City Clerk Stegelmeier had with Carlos Huerta’s representative and the people who are planning on purchasing the old school property. Hopefully that property will be utilized soon.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

### NEXT MEETING

- ♦ City Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, January 8, 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.

**This meeting will take place of the regularly scheduled December meeting.**

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