

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

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: Teddy Stronks
PLEDGE LED BY: Brett Pincock

In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Brett Pincock, Teresa Hansen, Becky Harrigfeld and Tadd Atchley.

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Todd Martindale, Robert Comstock, Bob Comstock,

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

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 Regular Council Meeting Minutes 4-8-2015
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

2. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Planning & Zoning Commission Members – Mayor Stronks

Mayor Stronks explained that he would like to nominate Mike Hogle and Norm Watkins for appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the appointment of Mike Hogle & Norm Watkins to the P&Z Commission. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. 2nd Street Improvements – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the Council had the bid from Keller Associates for the engineering on the 2nd Street project. Mayor Stronks would like to get other bids from other engineers. The Council also discussed meeting with the owners of Reinke Grain and the engineers to discuss the project. The Council directed City Clerk Stegelmeier to get a RFP (request for proposals) prepared for their approval at the June meeting.

- B. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Delray Jensen, Sheryl Hill, Rob VanKirk

Mayor Stronks excused Delray, Sheryl and Rob because there is nothing to report from their last report.

- C. Main Street Parking – Mayor Stronks

Mayor Stronks explained that he still feels that a 2 hour parking limit should be set to make it so the store owners have something to back them up when they talk to the other store owners about leaving their cars parked on the street all day. Councilman Atchley asked what blocks would be limited. It was decided that 2nd Street to 8th Street on Main Street would be limited to 2 hour

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parking. City Clerk Stegelmeier was directed to work with City Attorney Lookabaugh on the ordinance.

4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Fiber-optic Communications Research – Robert Comstock
Robert Comstock has been investigating how to bring fiber-optic communications to Ashton. He went to the City of Ammon which has had a fiber project spearheaded by Bruce Patterson. Robert spent few hours with them talking about limitations and prices. He also spoke with Corey Parker with Fremont Communications. What he found out is that the costs to get the fiber here cannot be covered by the user fees that could be charged. In the City of Ammon they are treating the project as public utility fund which in itself may be problematic because of how Idaho code reads concerning public utilities. There may be some help through federal projects and local companies like Fremont Communications. Robert will keep studying the project and will keep the City informed. Mayor Stronks thanked Robert for his time and effort.
- B. Old Ashton Memorial Utility Accounts – Ryan Partridge, City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Lookabaugh
Mayor Stronks welcomed Ryan to the meeting. Ryan explained that he owns the old Ashton Memorial Building and owes a large bill on back base rates. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that throughout owning the building, Mr. Partridge has not paid any of the fees and did not provide a deposit. The City has also mowed the yard for over 5 years. The meters were removed during the water project after notification to Mr. Partridge and with support from City Attorney Lookabaugh. Councilwoman Hansen inquired as to Mr. Partridge's plans. He explained that he is getting a loan to pay off the taxes and these fees then he is hoping to sell the building. Councilman Atchley wants to table the discussion until next month to make a decision. Councilwoman Hansen would like to help but explained that everyone has to pay the base rate. Mayor Stronks asked Mr. Partridge to come back to Council at the meeting on June 10th.
- C. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the Council's schedule with them. Mayor Stronks explained that Tuck Nedrow will be bringing a wagon for the Council to ride on in the 4th of July Parade. City Clerk Stegelmeier has ordered the candy and the bouncy balls for them to give away at the parade. City Clerk Stegelmeier then explained she would like to have Officer Griffel and Chief Mattingly help her to put the police vehicles up for sale because they know the more about the vehicles.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to have the police prepare and sell the old police vehicles.

Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CITIZEN INPUT: (Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.)

There was no citizen input.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I.C. 67-2345 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.

Personnel

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to enter executive session. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Atchley – yes, Hansen – yes and Harrigfeld – yes. The motion carried.

Councilman Harrigfeld made a motion to exit executive session. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 10, 2015, Council Chambers, Ashton City Building – 714 Main, Ashton. Questions concerning items appearing on this Agenda or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meeting 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