

# MINUTES—CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 13, 2017

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: Teresa Hansen**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Teddy Stronks**

**In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen, Becky Harrigfeld (by phone) and Jerry Funke.**

**Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Brad Rankin and Beth Rankin.**

**Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and dispensed with the prayer & pledge.**

### 1. AMEND AGENDA:

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

**The Council will be amending the agenda to only consider the Consent Agenda and then adjourn. A special meeting will be held July 20<sup>th</sup> in order to consider the other business.**

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to amend the agenda to just consider the consent agenda, the Old Post Office information from Brad Rankin and then adjourn. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. 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 Meeting Minutes 6-14-2017
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted
- E. **Budget Report** – Worksheet showing the revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year to date

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### ~~3. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:~~

- ~~A. City of Ashton Resolution 17-02 – Personnel Policy Update~~

### ~~4. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:~~

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

- ~~A. City Building Use – Chief Griffel~~
- ~~B. Solar Eclipse Discussion – Police Chief Griffel, Officer Wes Owens, County EMS Bob Foster, Sewer Supervisor Jensen, Water Supervisor Martindale, City Clerk Stegelmeier~~
- ~~C. Park Grant – City Clerk Stegelmeier~~
- D. Old Post Office – Brad Rankin

Brad had purchased two buildings from the City last year. The title work went great on 604 & 606 Main (old City building) but there was a problem with the title on 608 Main. City Attorney Angell is working on the title but it is not finished yet. This spring there was a problem with the furnace and the plumbing. Since the building did not belong to them yet, their insurance would not pay for the repairs. Brad's understanding was that he was 'in a purchase agreement' on the property and did not need to pay rent but City Attorney Angell called and explained that he needs to figure something out with the Council on a lease agreement. They do not want to free load and they are ready to

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close. Councilwoman Hansen asked what Brad's thought is on a lease agreement. Brad explained that it is up to the Council but he is hoping that the monthly lease will be a similar amount as the payments are on the other building. The buildings were purchased for the same price. Councilman Funke explained that whatever money is paid on the lease should go towards the purchase price. City Clerk Stegelmeier will get with City Attorney Angell and get the agreement ready.

### **5. ~~NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:~~**

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

- A. ~~Garbage Discussion — Mike Doyle~~
- B. ~~Scout Project Proposal — Kyle Calhoun~~
- C. ~~Scout Project Proposal — Chris Hansen~~
- D. ~~Sign Ordinance — P&Z Administrator Baldwin~~
- E. ~~Pocket Park Discussion — Mayor Stronks~~
- F. ~~Fireworks License — City Clerk Stegelmeier~~
- G. ~~Newsletter Discussion — City Clerk Stegelmeier~~
- H. ~~Budget Workshop Dates — City Clerk Stegelmeier~~
- I. ~~Fiber Optics — Shannon Hill~~
- J. ~~Scheduling — City Clerk Stegelmeier~~

Councilman Funke expressed concern about the fire danger from some of the unkempt lots around town. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Chief Griffel had sent out letters to the property owners and when the warning period is over, the City can cut the weeds and certify the costs to the property owner's tax bill.

### **6. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 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.

July's regular City Council meeting has been postponed one day. It will be held Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

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