

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 27, 2017

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: Teresa Hansen

In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen, Becky Harrigfeld, Tadd Atchley and Jerry Funke.

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Marvin Fielding, City Sewer Supervisor Delray Jensen and Sheryl Hill.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to amend the agenda to put the executive session immediately following the bid recommendation – then have the budget workshop. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

A. Wastewater Project Bid Recommendation – Marvin Fielding

Marvin brought the Mayor & Council the bid information from the bid opening for the City's Wastewater Improvement Project. The low bid was Eagle Rock Timber Inc. with a bid of \$3,405,909.22. This bid is higher than expected but within range especially considering the US Corps of Engineers grant that the City has been awarded. Eagle Rock Timber is ready to start. They will be doing the earth work themselves and are planning to get the lagoon ready this fall. There was some thought about rebidding but after speaking to several contractors, Marvin does not believe it would help to wait. HK and Depatco said that the work wasn't a good fit for them because of the equipment. This is what Eagle Rock Timber has the equipment to do this job. Councilman Atchley inquired about the gravel source that will be used. Marvin said they are planning on using the Nielson source and that the contractor is responsible for those negotiations. Councilman Atchley said that that was good because the contractor would be responsible if the source backed out, etc. The City will have to discharge one more winter so the aerators will need to be placed this fall. Councilwoman Harrigfeld asked where Eagle Rock Timber's business is located. Marvin replied that they are located in Idaho Falls. Mayor Stronks asked Marvin if Keller Associates had worked with this company. Marvin replied that they haven't but that they have good references. Councilman Funke agrees that if the City rebid – the price may go up because of price of materials. Councilman Funke said that a 4 foot high fence is not a good cattle fence. Marvin will make sure that the fence is looked at again. Councilman Atchley wants Marvin and the contractors to be aware that the City is going to hold them to their bid. Marvin explained that the DEQ has supplied their concurrence which he has attached to the bid information.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion that the City accept the bid from Eagle Rock Construction and authorize Mayor to sign the notice to proceed. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. BUDGET WORKSHOP:

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

A. Budget Workshop – City Clerk Stegelmeier

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Cathy went over the budget with the Mayor and Council. They went through each fund talking about the items requested. Mayor Stronks reminded City Clerk Stegelmeier about the cash match for parks as well as the SaniFLush system at the Visitor Center. City Clerk Stegelmeier will bring a tentative budget to the Council meeting on August 9th.

- B. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over schedule with City Council.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I.C. 74-206 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.

- (a) Consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need
(d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code;
(i) To engage in communications with a representative of the public agency's risk manager or insurance provider to discuss the adjustment of pending claim or prevention of a claim imminently likely to be filed. The mere presence of a representative of the public agency's risk manager or insurance provider at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to enter an executive session per Idaho Code section 74-206 (a), (d) and (i). Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Funke, aye; Atchley, aye; Hansen, aye; Harrigfeld, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Stronks excused the audience. The Council entered executive session at 7:15 pm.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to exit executive session. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. A roll call vote was taken: Funke, aye; Atchley, aye; Hansen, aye; Harrigfeld, aye. The motion carried unanimously

The Council exited executive session at approximately 7:45 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

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, August 9, 2017, Council Chamber, 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