

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

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: Becky Harrigfeld
PLEDGE LED BY: Tadd Atchley

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell and Sheryl Hill

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

1. AMEND AGENDA:

- A. 4. OLD BUSINESS: A. Sewer Line Issue on Cherry Street

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to add item A: Sewer Line Issue on Cherry Street to the New Business/Petitions portion of the agenda. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Reading of Proposed Ordinance 466-16
- B. Public Comment (Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.)
Sheryl came to talk to the Council about the City's budget. She prepared some notes but will not read it all. She will give City Clerk Stegelmeier a copy of her notes for the record. Sheryl explained that the budget is important and gave a quote from the City of Lewiston's website which states that the budget is the most important policy decision that city makes each year. Sheryl feels that just a list of numbers is not enough to explain the budget. She feels that a narrative is needed because the factors leading to the outcome are not apparent. Citizens want to know how and why the budget was developed. She explained that there are resources for preparing budgets and in her notes she has given those sources. Councilwoman Hansen liked the idea of preparing a narrative. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the AIC does send a budget manual to each City every year.

Mayor Stronks closed the public hearing.

3. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:

- A. City of Ashton Ordinance 466-16 – City Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 466-16 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld read the ordinance into the record.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to that Ashton City Ordinance 466-16 be approved and published. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Sewer Line Issue on Cherry Street – City Attorney Angell
- Mayor Stronks asked if he should excuse himself during the discussion. City Attorney Angell said that he may stay as there will be no decisions will made by the Council. He went on to summarize the issue with Anthony Van Horne and Delena Stronks both coming to the Council in the last couple of meeting and describing their sewer line problem. Following a discussion with one of the party's representatives who had come to the City and brought him more information. City Attorney Angell now has a recommendation for the City Council. His recommendation stems from one of the documents the representative found – it is the plat for the Wild Cherry Subdivision. The subdivision has not been adopted by the City as of yet. The location the sewer line is buried in is the correct spot with the exception of the end and some area in the middle. This subdivision plat recognizes that there will be a dedicated alley. The Mayor's family has paid to have the problems with the line fixed. They have incurred \$3,000 dollars in expense. The sewer is now in the parameters of where it is supposed to be. The repairs have caused significant disruption to the lives of the Hattons and that was problematic. As City Attorney Angell looked into the problem, there was a lack of clarity and originally he thought that the City should meet them in the middle ground; i.e. solve the difference and pay half. Now he can tell the Council though that the developer and the family have agreed to pay for the repairs and the issue is solved. Councilman Funke asked if the City has accepted the line. City Attorney Angell explained that the subdivision ordinance says that the developer has to upfront the costs of the improvements then the City takes the responsibility. City Attorney Angell would like the P & Z Commission to go back over the plat and review it so that they know what all needs to be done according to the plat.

Councilman Funke inquired as to the police vehicle bids that City Clerk Stegelmeier had placed in the packets. She explained that she just wanted them to have time to go over the bids. He asked that the police get bids on pickups from other manufacturers, not just Dodge. City Clerk Stegelmeier will give that direction to Officer Griffel.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Special Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, September 14, 2016, Council Chambers. 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