

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 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: Teresa Hansen

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Bryan Phinney, Marvin Fielding, Sheryl Hill and Tom Howell.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

1. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION:

- A. City of Ashton Ordinance 467-16 – Sewer Bond Election – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Marvin Fielding
Marvin explained that he had spoken to Willie Teuscher at the DEQ concerning the timing of the completion of the study and the deadline for the bond election. Willie said to go ahead with the bond election on the ballot in order to meet the City's discharge permit compliance deadlines. Councilwoman Hansen asked how much of a raise in rates would be necessary with this project. Marvin said that the rate study shows that the rates will have to raise \$18.70. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Idaho Rural Water will help the City conduct a rate study on both water and sewer and perhaps, since the City has paid of the water USDA bond, the water rate lowering may lessen the impact of the raise in the sewer rate. Marvin explained that there will be a public hearing with the finalization of the study and he is willing to help with several meetings leading up to the bond election. Councilman Funke asked "Will the completion of this project keep the DEQ and EPA out of Ashton's business forever?" Marvin answered that the DEQ regulations will always apply but that the EPA will not have any jurisdiction because the City will not be discharging to the river. This project should work for the City for the projected flows the next 20 years. Councilman Funke explained that he knows that is the question he is going to get and he appreciated Marvin's reply. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her hopes that the public meetings will be well attended so that the word will get out for the bond election.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 467-16 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilwoman Harrigfeld 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 467-16 be approved and published. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Marvin the Mayor if he could ask a question. Mayor Stronks gave him the floor. Marvin asked if the City Council had been discussing putting out a request for proposals for grant administration. He is concerned because the deadline for applying for a block grant in the end of November. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she would prepare and RFP for the Council's approval at their regular meeting the following Wednesday.

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Sheryl asked the Mayor if she could ask Marvin a question. Mayor Stronks gave his approval. Sheryl asked Marvin about the costs of the distribution system because she understood from the Town Hall Meeting held earlier this year that just the distribution system costs were around 3 million so how could the bond election call for only a 4.3 million bond. Marvin said that is a good question. He said that the project that the study shows is the best for the City will repair the highest priority lines letting the City then work on the rest of the lines later. The City is addressing the worst/oldest lines with this project.

2. ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, October 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