

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 30, 2025

6:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

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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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### **Council Workshop:**

*Discussion of the Council on a particular item. Questions or comments from the public may be brought to the council members after the meeting.*

In Attendance: Tom Mattingly, Teresa Hansen, John Kaelberer, John Scafe and Nate Finley.

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier

Mayor Mattingly welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

### **1. FY2026 Budget **Action Item****

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the budget with the Council. As each fund was discussed, the City Council gave ideas for changes to the proposed budget. There was a discussion on the costs for insurance benefits for employees. Councilman Scafe said that other businesses, etc. do have the employees pay part of the insurance but the employees at the City stay here because of the insurance benefits. Councilman Kaelberer said that the employees know that the pay is lower because the insurance benefits are good. After discussion, the council will keep the insurance benefits the same. Fees at the park were discussed. The pool fees were updated in 2024 and the council agreed that they were still good prices. The fee for reserving the pavilions is quite low. It was also discussed that there seems to be some interest in reserving the multipurpose courts for lessons or tournaments. Since the rest of the public would not be able to use the facilities if they were reserved, the council decided that a fee will be charged for multipurpose court reservations. They asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to bring a price sheet for park fees to the August meeting for review so that the public hearing could be held the same night as the budget hearing. They will raise the price at the large pavilion to \$50 and will charge \$20 for a 2-hour reservation at the multipurpose court. While discussing the utility funds, City Clerk Stegelmeier reminded them that last year they raised the user fees for water 5%, sewer 3% and garbage 3% to keep up with the cost of living. The council agreed that these raises should continue in FY2026. Purchases discussed were flooring for part of the City Building, a generator and other items for the police, a shed for the park's equipment at the park and an updated grader for plowing. City Clerk Stegelmeier will bring the budget for review at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval in noticing for the Budget Hearing on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **2. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 6:57 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Tom Mattingly  
Mayor