

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

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**PRAYER OFFERED BY: Tom Mattingly**

**CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

**PLEDGE LED BY: James Allen**

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Chief Griffel, City Attorney Angell, Officer Vega, Young, Sidney, Andrea from clothes store, Sheryl Hill, Nathan Marivilla, Tim Eidam, Kurt Eidam, Sheryl Hill and Ashley Barron.

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

**1. CONSENT AGENDA: **ACTION ITEM****

*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 2-11-2026, Special Meeting Minutes 2-18-2026
- B. **Treasurer’s Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

Councilman Finley made a motion to accept the consent agenda with the changes to the minutes. Councilman Scafe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Business:**

*Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.*

**1. Audit Report – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Nathan Maravilla**

Nathan Maravilla with Jensen Poulsen here to go over the audit report with the council. There are no major issues with the audit, his firm is giving the audit a good opinion. Nathan then went over the audit with the Council, explaining the pages he felt were key for them. In general, the expenses were up and he feels the City needs to be careful in spending. He is concerned about the General Fund balance and encouraged them to build it through the coming year. He explained that the Parks & Recreation Fund is struggling and has been for several years. He urged them to increase revenue through fees or make some changes to spending. Councilman Scafe talked about parks and how most cities struggle with parks costs. Nathan replied that in Ashton it has been to a larger extent and he is concerned that it is not sustainable. Nathan then went over the water, sewer and sanitation funds. They are all doing well. Water is now starting to break even with the 5% rise in the last few years. City Clerk Stegelmeier inquired as to whether the rise for FY2027 could go down to 3%. Nathan believes that the 3% will be enough now. Nathan went on to say that the Local Government Investment Pool has paid great interest this year. He then explained that the audit costs will go down next year since the City will not be spending enough in Federal Grant Funds to merits a 'single audit' or a more detailed audit. Nathan went on to say that everything went great in the audit work at the office. He thanked Cathy and Jan for all

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their work. Mayor Mattingly thanked Nathan for his time and report.

**2. Imperial Club Event Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Imperial Club representative, Meadowlark Festival representative **ACTION ITEM****

There was no one in attendance for a discussion.

**3. Flagpole Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Rotary Representative **ACTION ITEM****

Matt Young is here to speak to the Council more about the flagpole that the Rotary Club is planning to place at the corner of Hwy 20 and Hwy 47. There is no power at the location and he is concerned about the lighting. They are looking to install a 25-foot pole. They would like to put the lights at the ground level pointing up at the flag. They are hoping to change the flowers to something else with maybe a bench and other items. Mayor Mattingly reminded him to make sure and apply for a building permit, etc. Councilman Allen expressed concern that the lights be a little off the ground because of the snow in winter. Councilman Scafe asked about what flags they are hoping to fly. Councilwoman Hansen asked about ongoing maintenance. Matt will contact the City once he has more information on what they plan to add in the area. He is hoping to be able to have a dedication of the flagpole on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Fireworks Fundraiser Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Brad Rankin **ACTION ITEM****

Brad Rankin is in charge of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks. They will be holding a fundraiser on June 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a corn hole tournament. The Rotary Club will be providing the insurance for the fundraiser which will be on the old football field. There will be bands and other entertainment. The fireworks will be held at North Fremont High School like the year prior as there were no issues with traffic, etc.

**5. Main Street Sidewalk Project Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM****

City Clerk Stegelmeier reported that she, Mayor Mattingly and the public works department had been on an online meeting to discuss the plans for the project. The main point of the meeting was the conversation corners. There are some good points in keeping them such as making sure that pedestrians are seen and cars do not cut the curb. They will plan to finish the curb with a different angle so that the plowing is not an issue. The design is at 30% and they will bring plans to the City when they are ready. The Council will then have some open house meetings for people to look at the plans.

**6. Parks Project Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM****

The Council discussed the pool and the money it costs. Councilwoman Hansen said she loves the pool but it really is costing the citizens a lot of money. Councilman Allen would like to look at the numbers of users to see if people are really using it. They talked about the safety of kids with swimming lessons as well as the number of people from out of the area that use the pool. Fees were discussed and City Clerk Stegelmeier said she would bring some ideas for a fee increase to the Council. City Clerk Stegelmeier asked them to go over the contract for the street design with Keller Associates. Councilman Allen was concerned about the project length and the costs. City Clerk Stegelmeier will talk with Jaden at Keller Associates and bring a revised contract to the next meeting.

**7. Flood 50 Discussion – Blair Dance **ACTION ITEM****

Blair Dance is the Fremont County representative on the Teton Recreation District. The district is holding some special events to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> year since the Teton Dam Flood. It is a commemoration, not a celebration. There is a week-long group of activities in Rexburg. The Bureau of Reclamation has approved an overlook for the Teton Dam site and there will be a ribbon cutting for that. Blair brought some pamphlets on the activities for the City Council and will bring some more to have at the City office for those who want one.

**8. America 250 Discussion – Blair Dance **ACTION ITEM****

Blair thought that as he was there to discuss the Flood commemoration, he would ask the City if they had any plans for the America 250 celebration. Mayor Mattingly explained that the Chamber of Commerce will be having the parade and celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> and he is sure that they have plans to celebrate it. Dallas Hill is here at the meeting and is in charge of the parade. Dallas explained that the parade committee is meeting the next day and Blair is welcome to come and learn what they are

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planning. Dallas will be getting with the Sherriff's office to discuss the parade. Mayor Mattingly also told Blair Dance that the Rotary Club is planning to put up a flagpole at the corner to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup>.

### **9. America 250 Banner Discussion – Dallas Hill *ACTION ITEM***

Dallas Hill is here to present an idea to City Council and ask for some support. He gave them each a logo that he has made for the America 250 with 1776 to 2026 and Ashton Idaho in a circle. He would like to print them on banners and ask the local businesses to help with buying them. He would then ask that the City put them up for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July on Main Street. Mayor Mattingly liked the design. Councilman Allen was kind of concerned about the guns being so prominent. Councilman Scafe said that then the businesses could use it at the business or have it at their home as a souvenir. Councilman Allen asked if he could come back with some more designs for approval from the City Council. They discussed printing time, etc. and Mayor Mattingly asked if the Council would be willing to have a special meeting. City Clerk Stegelmeier will let everyone when she has the designs and meeting date.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion that the City will put up the banners for the America 250 celebration. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **10. Idaho Code § 74-208(7)(a) – Cure of open meeting violation – Declaration of minimum property value – City Attorney Angell *ACTION ITEM***

City Attorney Angell explained that he should have had the City make the motion for the minimum value of the land for the land sale in a public meeting. There is no damage or more cure required as the land did not sell and no public action completed.

Councilman Scafe made a motion to declare the minimum value of the land for sale for \$750,000. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **11. P&Z Discussion – P&Z Administrator Denney *ACTION ITEM***

P&Z Administrator Denney was not in attendance.

### **12. Council Schedule – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM***

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council.

### **13. Executive Session – City Attorney Angell *ACTION ITEM***

*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.*

**(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the City of Ashton to discuss legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation.**

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to enter an executive session. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. Mayor Mattingly called for a roll call vote. Councilman Finley, aye; Councilman Scafe, aye; Councilwoman Hansen, aye; and Councilman Allen, aye. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

The Council entered an executive session at 7:19 pm.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to exit an executive session. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The Council exited an Executive session at 7:26 pm.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting ended at 7:29 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