

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

6:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

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PRAYER OFFERED BY: John Scafe
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
PLEDGE LED BY: Nate Finley

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Chief Griffel, Deputy Clerk Vega, Officer Vega, Taci Stoddard, Ellen Lynch, Kyle Jones, Susan Sullivan, Eileen Mockli, Sharon Harrigfeld, Rachel Hatton, BJ Hatton, Letha Whitmore, Dexter, Trena Maupin, Moriah Martindale and Ridge Maupin.

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

1. AMEND AGENDA:

Any items added less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting are added by Council motion at this time.

A. **3. Water Study Recommendation Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Kyle Jones ACTION ITEM**

Councilman Finley made a motion to add a Water Study Recommendation Discussion to the agenda. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 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 Special Meeting Minutes 6-17-2026, 6-24-2026
- B. **Treasurer's Report** – As submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Finley 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.

3. Water Study Recommendation Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Kyle Jones ACTION ITEM

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she and Kyle Jones had met online with Katelyn Faretra who is a Grant and Loan Analyst with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Katelyn is working on the completion of the environmental determination for the study. As part of the conversation, Katelyn said that a motion from the council is required for the acceptance and completion of the study. The motion would need to include the Council's acceptance of the selected alternatives in the Study. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her reluctance as the Council is not prepared at this time to move forward on the alternatives. Councilman Allen agreed and was concerned that accepting the alternatives would mean moving forward earlier than needed. The base rates now are high and the growth projected is not happening fast enough to move forward at this time. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Katelyn said that the Council could still take time and move forward as needed.

Councilman Allen made a motion that the Ashton City Council has seen and accept the recommended alternatives listed in the Water Facility Study. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. Roll Call The motion passed unanimously.

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4. Parks Project Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Jaden Jackson, Rick Miller, Taci Stoddard *ACTION ITEM*

Jaden explained that the bids came in for the improvements to the road part of the park. The contract was awarded and has been given the notice to proceed. They will provide a start date soon. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the pool portion has also been out to bid and tonight the Council can award the bid. There are some things with the Build American, Buy America requirements of the grant that the pool company is working through but they should be resolved soon so that construction can start.

Councilman Teresa made a motion to accept the bid for the Pool Project from Mastercraft Pool and Spa.

Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Ashton Urban Renewal Project Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Jaden Jackson *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency is getting the sidewalk project out for quotes to add sidewalk 4th and 5th Streets and extend the them to the alley. The Ashton Urban Renewal Agency will be retiring this part of their area in the next couple of years. They still have another area that they will be working on.

6. Pool Project Discussion – Eileen Mockli, Sharon Harrigfeld

Eileen Mockli thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak to them. She feels like the pool is a huge asset for the community. It is important for health and safety. Eileen and Sharon are willing to pitch in to write grants. They are willing to seek out help to save the pool. Mayor Mattingly explained that there has been no discussion of getting rid of the pool. Eileen had some suggestions for other use, etc. for the pool. There were also discussions on the current state of the pool and other information. Mayor Mattingly told Eileen that he is happy that she is willing to help and the City will be reaching out if needed.

7. Water/Sewer Services at 74 N. 5th Street Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Ridge Maupin *ACTION ITEM*

Ridge Maupin went over what had been discussed in the prior meeting. He would like the City to decide so that he can start working on the building, etc. Councilwoman Hansen feels like there were communication problems and maybe they should forgive a percentage of the balance due. Councilman Allen is not sure. He wants to look over more of the situation. Ridge said he appreciates their consideration.

Councilman Allen made a motion to table until the next meeting. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-1 with Councilwoman Hansen voting against the motion.

8. Land Ap Site Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier had put this item on the agenda in anticipation of hearing from Nielson Angus Ranch on the fencing at the site. Neither City Clerk Stegelmeier nor City Attorney Angell have received any communication.

9. Council Schedule – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the upcoming schedule with the Mayor and City Council.

10.ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 6:52 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Tom Mattingly
Mayor