

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

6:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

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CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Chief Griffel, Officer Vega, Michele Smith, Denise Vega, Emma Drane, Shelby McCloud and Dallas Hill.

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

1. Amend Agenda – 3. Pool Discussion and 4. Police Radio Discussion

Mayor Mattingly asked if the Council would like to amend the agenda to add the discussions listed.

Councilman Finley made a motion to amend the agenda to add the discussions. Councilman Scafe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Banner Discussion – Dallas Hill **ACTION ITEM**

Dallas thanked the Council for having a special meeting to consider the new designs. He explained that after he put the approved logos on Facebook, he heard from several people who did not like that AI was used to design them. They suggested local designers could do better and a local artist volunteered to come up with a design. He explained that they had resources that he did not have at his disposal and were willing to create a second set of design options. Dallas had to scale examples of the designs there to show the City Council. Dallas then explained that he had sent copies to City Clerk Stegelmeier so that the Council could have a copy of them in the packet for review. He recommends that the City Council adopt one set or the other set so as not have a cacophony of designs on Main Street. Mayor Mattingly asked Dallas if he would introduce the designer if she was there. Dallas replied that the designer, Emma Drain, was not in attendance yet but her friend Shelby McCloud is at the meeting. Shelby explained that it was a team effort to design the banners. They still used the basic 4 designs – train, farm, dog race and wildlife designs. Emma arrived at the meeting and agreed with what was said. Dallas explained that he thought the new design was more patriotic. Emma explained that the 250 symbol on the new design is from the United States official design and can be posted on that website. It is a collectable design. Mayor Mattingly expressed his appreciation for the use of the proper side of the Teton mountain range. Councilman Allen likes the new design. He thinks they look cleaner, more professional and just the fact that they are designed by local talent makes it nice. Councilwoman Hansen her appreciation for the designs.

Councilman Allen made a motion to approve the 4 new designs as presented; the city crew will hang up the banners and then return them to Dallas Hill so he can return them to the purchasers. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Pool Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Michele Smith

City Clerk Stegelmeier and City Parks Supervisor Smith wanted to discuss the logistics of the pool and construction for the summer. Supervisor Smith explained that a majority of the tile have now fallen off at the pool and would have to be replaced by the pool guy when they come to open the pool. She thinks that a better solution would just be to keep the pool closed for the summer. The City would save the

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money from startup, including fuel, lifeguard training, and cleaning. Also construction could then start as soon as bids were accepted. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she had put together some of the expenses to show costs. Councilwoman Hansen can see the reasoning to just keep it closed and start construction as soon as possible. Councilman Scafe explained that he feels that safety is the biggest thing. He thinks that if the city explains that we are doing this all for safety – then people will be more understanding. Councilman Allen wanted to know what numbers sunk expenses or something that the City will never get back. City Clerk Stegelmeier will bring more information to the May meeting.

4. Police Radio Discussion – Mayor Mattingly, Chief Griffel

Chief Griffel explained that the police department has been having trouble with their radios, specifically the county dispatch radios. Apparently, the cell towers in town cause problems with the signal. The cell towers are operating within their parameters so another solution is needed. The radio service through Teton Communications that the police have used for years, Fleet talk, is working great. Chief Griffel has worked with Teton Communications and the County in finding a solution. Teton Communications will put a Fleet talk switch in the county dispatch console to communicate with the Ashton Police Department. Chief Griffel explained that the radio problems have been ongoing and he has drafted a report for the council on the problems for their review. He just wanted to let them know that he believes they have a solution to the problem.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 6:26 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Tom Mattingly
Mayor