

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 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, Detective Owens, City Attorney Angell, 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 1-14-2026
- B. **Treasurer’s Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted.

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she had caught a mistake in the minutes. There had been a motion made and passed that had been written incorrectly. She explained where it was and that it had been changed in the final draft of the minutes.

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

### Regular Business:

*Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.*

#### 1. **Bid Opening – Property Sale – Mayor Mattingly, City Attorney Angell, City Clerk Stegelmeier ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier told the Mayor that she has a tabulation sheet that she will write down the bidders name a bid amount when they are read. Mayor Mattingly explained that there are two bids. The first bid was brought in on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:42 am. Mayor Mattingly opened the bid and read that it was from Jerry Funke bidding \$13,880.30 in total. The second bid was received on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:33 pm. It was from JKM, LLC, bidding \$60,001.00. Mayor Mattingly asked City Attorney Angell how to proceed. City Attorney Angell replied that, without disclosing the amount decided as the reserve, the council could just make a motion to reject all bids as they were not above the reserve amount.

Councilman Finley made a motion to reject the bids since they did not meet the reserve amount that the council had set previous to the bidding. Councilman Scafe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. **Audit Report – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Nathan Maravilla**

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Nathan Maravilla from Jensen, Poulsen & Company had called earlier in the day. He had been waiting for approval from the federal clearing house on the grant funds spent and had not received it in time for tonight’s meeting. He will be at the March meeting to report on the audit.

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### **3. American Dog Derby Discussion – John Scafe *ACTION ITEM***

John Scafe explained that there is not enough snow for a sled dog race so the race has been cancelled. However, the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce and American Dog Derby have planned some community events for that weekend. On Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 to 2 pm at the Ashton Pocket Park, there will be some sled dogs and sleds for people to see and take photos. There will also be a camel, a donkey and a white buffalo calf. There will also be a wagon pulled by horses to take people to the art gallery or community center to view some clay sculptures the school kids have made. There is also a quilt show at the Community Center. On Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be the Soup Challenge. There will be something for everyone so they are hoping everyone will come out and have a great time.

### **4. Parks Project Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM***

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the Idaho Community Development Block Grant is in the amount of \$245,000. The City has also received a grant from Blue Cross of Idaho for \$20,000 as well as the grant received from Rocky Mountain Power last month for \$20,000. City Clerk Stegelmeier brought a drawing of the park showing the amount of parking that has been planned on the west side of the park. There are some stalls and then some accessibility ramps for the walking path. City Clerk Stegelmeier also gave the Council the preliminary estimate from the pool company for everything that the city has been hoping to complete. This estimate was before we had any idea on what we could get through the grant. The estimate for just the pool was more than \$400,000 so there are going to be some things that cannot be completed at this time. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the Council public works would help with some of the road construction to save the City some money to put towards the pool construction. The pool work will need to go out to bid so there may be some savings there. City Clerk Stegelmeier wanted to give the Council this information so that they may have some ideas for her at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Hansen asked if Parks Supervisor Smith had been able to give input. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she met with the pool contractor to discuss the bids prior to receiving the bid. When Parks Supervisor Smith is able to come into work following her recovery from surgery, the plans will be discussed again. Councilman Allen said that it will be good to get other pool bids.

### **5. Water Study Update – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Kyle Jones *ACTION ITEM***

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Kyle was here before the meeting but had another meeting he had to attend. He asked if she would report to the Council that he is waiting on estimates of cost for upscaling the water treatment facility. He will then add those figures to the study as required by the DEQ. As soon as he can get those numbers in the report, it should be complete and approved.

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

The Mayor, I, Todd, Morgin and Wes met this week with Keller engineers, Jaden, Jake and Piper, to discuss the sidewalk project. The City has been awarded a TAP grant for a million-dollar project on Main Street. The City is going to replace the sidewalk on the block between 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets on the South side of Main Street, both sides of the block between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets and the North side of the block between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. Those were the streets that were identified when the city applied for the grant because the grant is not enough to do all of them. In the meeting we discussed removing the conversation corners and trees. Public meetings to discuss the project and the reasons for some of the decisions will be held. The city wants to make the sidewalks better and accessible with ramps and better surfaces. Due to the tree removal, there will be planters and planter areas. The project will not start until the fiscal year 2028. As things progress and drawings are prepared there will be public meetings announced so the city can get input on the designs. Mayor Mattingly explained that he also asked them to talk with ITD about letting the City have a banner across the street. It would be nice to have one for events. City Clerk Stegelmeier said that there was some discussion on signs that will be discussed later in the project.

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### 7. Street Light Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Chief Griffel made a map of the streetlights. There are some more considerations that need to be discussed because of how the wiring of the lighting has been done. The Council asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to set up a meeting with a Rocky Mountain Power representative to get more information.

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

P&Z Administrator Denney asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to report to the Council that they will be holding two public hearings this week. The Council will receive more information prior to public hearings at City Council.

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

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

### 10. 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 6:34 pm.

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

The Council exited an Executive session at 7:07 pm.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 7:04 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