

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

6:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

*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.*

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.

1. FY2026 Budget Workshop **Action Item**

City Clerk Stegelmeier presented a draft budget to the Council. The Council discussed rising costs in employee health and property insurance as well as wages. There was discussion on the purchase or lease of a new police vehicle and the ongoing costs of software, etc. for the police gear. Councilman Allen had some questions on the mileage and other requirements of a lease. There was a discussion on chip sealing the streets to keep up with the schedule. Councilman Scafe said that the City needs to keep up on the streets but the streets are holding up well so the chip sealing can wait a year. The water, sewer and garbage funds are making enough money to maintain themselves. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that since the water fund had raised 5% in the last couple of years, it is doing well and the City can just raise it 3% like the other proprietary funds. In revenues, the County has listed \$2,804,872 in new construction value in the City of Ashton. The Idaho State Tax Commission is predicting about the same amount in State Revenue Sharing for FY2027. City Clerk Stegelmeier asked the Council to call or email any changes or items that they would like to see in the budget. She will have a budget ready for publication for their consideration at the August 12th meeting.

2. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 6:52 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Tom Mattingly
Mayor