

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (North Entrance)

*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.*

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

PRAYER OFFERED BY: Teddy Stronks

PLEDGE LED BY: Tom Mattingly

In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen, Tadd Atchley, Jerry Funke and Tom Mattingly.

Also, in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, P&Z Administrator Bowersox, Michele Smith, Marvin Fielding, John Scafe, Kathy Scafe, John Kaelberer, Kaelberer, Rachel Hatton, Molly Hatton, BJ Hatton, Marylou Davis, Darrin Hansen, Wendy Hogle, Mike Hogle, and Lisa Smith.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 6:58 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 Special Meeting Minutes 12-10-2019, 8-28-2019
- B. **Treasurers Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

2. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. State of the City Address – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks gave his State of the City Address.
- B. Official Recount Election Results – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the letter from the Idaho State Attorney General's office with the Council.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept ruling on the City's election recount as explained in the Attorney General's ruling. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

- C. Newly Elected Mayor Oath of Office – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks administered the oath to Mayor Mattingly.
- D. Nomination for Vacated Council Seat – Mayor Mattingly **ACTION ITEM**
Mayor Mattingly nominated John Kaelberer for appointment to the vacated Council seat.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve the appointment of John Kaelberer to the vacated Council seat. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

- E. Oath of Office for Councilmembers – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went out of order and administered the oaths to Councilwoman Hansen and Councilman Funke. She then waited until the nomination and appointment of Councilman Kaelberer was completed and administered his oath.
- F. Election of Council President – Mayor Mattingly **ACTION ITEM**
Mayor Mattingly asked the Council to elect a Council President.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Hansen for Council President. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Blade for Backhoe – Michele Smith **ACTION ITEM**

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Michele explained has prepared her 5-minute presentation to the Council. Michele has been using the backhoe and it would be more efficient if it had a blade instead of a bucket. She has been looking at options for purchase of a blade. Reinke Grain has one that the City had bought but had later sold to Reinke. Reinke would still want close to the price they paid for the blade. Todd thought they might be able to get it through Pioneer equipment which is where he got the blades the City uses. Michele priced the blade through the manufacturer and the cost is less but the shipping is the problem. Mayor Mattingly asked where Pioneer Equipment is located. Councilman Funke asked where the manufacturer is - maybe we could go get it for the same cost of what the shipping would be. Michele has not received a call back from the manufacturer. Councilwoman Hansen would like to wait until next season and budget for the blade. Councilman Funke inquired about the budget and whether there would be money to purchase the blade. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that there is money for a new pickup in the street budget but not enough for both a pickup and the blade. She reminded the Council that they had asked the public works department to wait until the sewer project was complete last fall to order the pickup. The project is not complete. Councilman Funke said that the current pickup being used is bad and the public works should be replacing it. He did say that if the blade is more important that the pickup problems could be patched for a while. Councilwoman Hansen agreed that the pickups could be fixed – maybe that is better anyway. Councilman Kaelberer said that you can find used beds for pickups. Mayor Mattingly will discuss the pickup problems with the public works. Michele will wait on the blade for now.

4. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. American Dog Derby 2020 – John Scafe **ACTION ITEM.**
John congratulated Mayor Mattingly, Councilman Funke and Councilman Kaelberer. He explained that he has heard from several mushers. They are short of snow and having a tough time training. He explained that he has provided a copy of the insurance and the state permits to the City Clerk. The County is ready to do the trails. The Dog Derby is a good tradition that brings business to Ashton. He will be attending the Banff Film Festival in Idaho Falls to promote the Dog Derby. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that at City employee meeting, the parking on Main Street for the event was discussed. It seems that not many attendees know that they can park in the section marked off. The City employees are hoping that the Dog Derby committee will get more signage or other means of making attendees aware of the parking. Councilman Hansen reminded John that the Main Street and other businesses should help out – or at least have something to add to the event. The Dog Derby is on Valentine’s Day weekend this year. Buttons are available for purchase.
- B. Wastewater Project – Marvin Fielding **ACTION ITEM**
Marvin had planned to attend the meeting tonight for the change of Mayors and City Clerk Stegelmeier had said that the Council would like a status report on Phase I of the Wastewater Project. The contractor hasn’t signed the substantial completion certification yet. The City is currently holding \$90,000 on the contract. We are waiting for Operations and Maintenance manuals and for the substantial completion certification signature. City Attorney Angell said that for whatever reason, the contractor is not signing the document. City Attorney Angell asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to add an executive session to the agenda next month for a discussion.
- C. Comprehensive Plan Update – P&Z Administrator Bowersox **ACTION ITEM**
City P&Z Administrator Bowersox explained that the first town hall meeting concerning the Comprehensive Plan update will be next Tuesday at the Community Center. The commission is planning to have two town hall meetings. City Councilwoman Hansen is bringing treats. Administrator Bowersox has been planning creating flyers that will be around town. The P&Z Commission will be meeting with business owners and taking those flyers to them. There is a survey and she will be getting that out and about as well. Councilman Atchley said that the biggest question

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he gets is what is the Comprehensive Plan? That will need to be answered. Administrator Bowersox explained that the press release should help. There is the article in the Standard Journal is very nice and has been on social media. This will be a long process - 6 months to a year to come to them to get things changed. Councilwoman Hansen thinks this is a good idea and is glad that the City is doing it. Because a quorum is not wanted – Councilman Atchley and Councilwoman Hansen will be the Councilman attending the town hall.

D. Eagle Scout Projects Update – Michele Smith **ACTION ITEM**

Michele explained that the dog park eagle scout project had run into holiday schedules and was not able to be completed as presented last month. It will be completed within the next three months.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

A. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier went through the schedule with the Council. Mayor Mattingly gave his committee assignments.

6. COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilmembers will bring items to be discussed with the other Councilmembers & Mayor. No action should be taken on these items as they have not been specifically listed on the agenda.

The Council discussed how well the public works department was doing in completing the snow removal.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ City Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 Council Chambers, Ashton City Building – 714 Main, Ashton.
- ◆ Questions concerning items appearing on these Agendas or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meetings should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk or call 208-652-3987.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Tom Mattingly
Mayor