

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (North Entrance)

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*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.*

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### CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

**PRAYER OFFERED BY: Tadd Atchley**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Teresa Hansen**

**In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen, Becky Harrigfeld, Tadd Atchley and Jerry Funke.**

**Also in attendance: City Attorney Angell, City Clerk Stegelmeier, Police Chief Griffel, Matt Brady, Sharlene Bergeson, Dave Jacobsen, Judy Smith, Micah Spicer, Patty Litton, Sheryl Hill, Jan Albertson, Bill Stephens, Michelle O'Malley and Rachel Hatton.**

**Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 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.*

**4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:** E. White Pines Road Bid – Todd Martindale, City Clerk Stegelmeier

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to amend the agenda to add 4.E. White Pines Road Bid and 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION as presented. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA:

*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 4-12-2017, Special Council Minutes 4-26-2017, 5-3-2017

B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted

C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures

D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

E. **Budget Report** – Worksheet showing the revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year to date

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

### 3. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

A. City Building Use – Jake Jacobsen, Rachel Hatton, Chief Griffel

Jake and Rachel are here to update the City Council on the Chamber of Commerce's plans for moving to a new office. The Chamber had presented the Mayor and Council with a thank you note. The Chamber has decided that although a room at the library would be adequate; they have been given an opportunity to have more of a presence on Main Street by locating in the old Arrowhead Realty office located at the Odd Fellows building. The Chamber is moving right away and the office in the City building should be empty by tomorrow night. Jake expressed the Chamber officer's and member's appreciation for the use of office space. This has helped to keep the Chamber a justifiable entity in Ashton. There are 75 Chamber members in town and 96 altogether. They will bring all the keys back after they move. On an unrelated subject: the Mesa Falls Marathon is going to be featured on a nationwide sports site. The marketing manager of the site wants to produce an article on a marathon in the USA and chose the Mesa Falls Marathon from Idaho. There will be a press issue. Chief Griffel expressed his appreciation for the Chamber and the things they do for the citizens and

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businesses. He then explained that he and City Clerk Stegelmeier have been working to get bids on carpet and paint. The police are excited for the move to a larger space.

- B. Solar Eclipse Discussion – Police Chief Griffel, Officer Wes Owens, Sewer Supervisor Jensen, Water Supervisor Martindale, City Clerk Stegelmeier
- Chief Griffel explained that he & Detective Owens have met twice with Fremont County and it has been really helpful. He would like to encourage the Mayor and Council to attend the next County meeting. Crowd estimates are still at 500 to 750 thousand visitors in the area to view the eclipse. They are really not sure how to plan but hope to be as prepared as possible. Mayor Stronks had invited Micah Spicer to attend this meeting and give the City information on the event the Rotary is planning for the Eclipse weekend. Micah thanked the Mayor and explained that the Henry's Fork Music Fest is up and running for the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of August. There are 7 confirmed bans including a top guitarist from China and a man from Ucon who has won some recognition as the best new artist in the country. Micah is going to have a meeting here at the City Council Chamber on the 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss that weekend and set up a vender row. He is hoping for 5 to 10 thousand people at the festival. There is a lot of interest on the website. It is crucial for those wishing to sell items at the festival to attend the meeting. The times of the festival are 6 to 10 PM on Friday and noon to 5 PM on Saturday. Mayor Stronks explained that at employee meeting the dump station was discussed and he is asking the Council whether it should be open for that weekend. The Council all expressed their opinion that it should be open. We are hoping to have the locking cap system installed prior to that weekend and it will be a good time to make money. Mary Gonzales is going to serve as the Director of the Visitor Center this summer and it will open Memorial Day weekend.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:**

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- A. Parade Garbage Donation – Rachel Hatton
- Rachel is here to ask the City to help her distribute the garbage cans for the Fourth of July. PSI donates the cans/dumping but the City will need to donate the guys time in delivering the cans. City Clerk Stegelmeier estimates the donation costing approximately \$100. Rachel is just making sure to that she is crossing our T's and dotting our I's. The cans need to be distributed, gathered for dumping and gathering them back up to place them at the City. The guys have done it in the past. She is also asking permission for them to be helpers/volunteers; i.e. bring out barricades. Mayor Stronks wondered if the City just couldn't approve this for one

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion that the public works help with the garbage cans, cross walk signs, barricades, picking up sidewalk signs, etc. for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Resolution for Utility Account Collections – City Attorney Angell
- City Attorney Angell will get a resolution ready so that there is a system in place so that collections goes easier.
- C. Visitor Center RV Stations – Mayor Stronks, City Clerk Stegelmeier
- Mayor Stronks asked what the Council would like to do about getting the system to get money at the dump site this year.

Councilman Atchley make a motion to get the system here this year and installed. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Chris Hansen
- Chris is not in attendance but Councilwoman Hansen explained that Chris wants to excavate under the trees under the trees and put bark and do the trees on the side and don't have to mow right under the trees. Mayor Stronks asked if Chris will need money for supplies, etc. He would like Chris to come to the next meeting.

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- E. White Pines Road Bid – Todd Martindale, City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Todd brought this estimate in but City Clerk Stegelmeier is wondering if this would be just a temporary fix and a project similar to the one on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street may be warranted. The Council also expressed concerns about a hole on the corner of Walnut and HWY 20. The Council also talked about the possibility of getting help from Urban Renewal on the project. Mayor Stronks will talk to Urban Renewal. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- F. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council & Mayor.

Mayor Stronks explained that there was an executive session planned.

### 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

*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 public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated;

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to enter an executive session per Idaho Code section 74-206 (f). Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Funke, aye; Atchley, aye; Hansen, aye; Harrigfeld, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Stronks excused the audience. The Council entered executive session at 7:30 pm.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to exit executive session. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. A roll call vote was taken: Funke, aye; Atchley, aye; Hansen, aye; Harrigfeld, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council exited executive session at 7:44 PM.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT:

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

### NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 14, 2017, Council Chambers, Ashton City Building – 714 Main, Ashton. Questions concerning items appearing on this Agenda or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meeting should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk or call 208-652-3987.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor