

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

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: Teresa Hansen
PLEDGE LED BY: Teddy Stronks

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, P&Z Admin Kyle Baldwin, Sewer Supervisor Delray Jensen, John Kaelberer, Marvin Fielding, Sara Bowersox, Lance Meccico, John Scafe, Brandon Harris, Sheryl Hill and Byron Stutzman.

Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:01 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 4-11-2018, Special Meeting Minutes 4-17-2018, 4-18-2018
- B. **Treasurers Report** - 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 Funke made a motion that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:

- A. Ashton Ordinance 471-18 – Amendment to Development Code: Conditional Use Permit – City Attorney Angel, P & Z Administrator Kyle Baldwin **ACTION ITEM**
City Attorney Angell explained that this item had been tabled last month. Councilman Mattingly asked about a statement that City Attorney Angell had made about a law suit in Teton County. City Attorney Angell explained that Driggs, Idaho is in a lawsuit over a conditional use permit. Conditional use permits tend to generate lawsuits. Neighbors and other folks get concerned when someone applies for and/or is approved for this sort of permit. There are always risks with zoning ordinances. The Council needs to decide if a conditional use permit is needed in Ashton. City Attorney Angell explained that since there is a councilman missing, perhaps they would like to wait on their decision. Councilwoman Hansen would like to wait. Councilman Funke respects all the work that Administrator Baldwin has put in to this ordinance but he is not sure Ashton is not big enough. He wants to table it too. The Council will consider this item again next month.

3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. AT&T Lease – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that right now A, T&T pays 6000 a year and are wanting to change the lease. They are offering \$65,000 for a 40-year lease. City Clerk Stegelmeier and City Attorney Angel have both looked at it and don't recommend approval. City Attorney Angell thinks it is a way

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for A, T&T to save money by offering it to landholders who are strapped for cash. Councilman Funke explained that technology changes too fast for a 40-year deal.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to decline the offer from A, T&T. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Fireworks Insurance – Rachel Hatton **ACTION ITEM**

Rachel is here to discuss the 4th of July fireworks again. They will have the fundraiser next Friday the 18th of May. She is asking the Council if they would again approve the insurance. She would also like the public works department to take the garbage cans out and bring them back as well as help remove garbage at the soccer field.

Councilman Mattingly made a motion that the City provide the insurance for the fireworks as well as police and public works help with the parade. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Landfill Changes – Brandon Harris **ACTION ITEM**

Brandon is here to fill the City in on changes at the County landfill. He went over the history of the landfill and what has happened to come to this point. There will need to be charges now to dump at the landfill to help defray the costs of cleaning it up. He wants to get the information out to the community so they can see why the changes are necessary. Communicating with the public is the hardest part of his job. Councilwoman Hansen likes the idea of a public meeting. There will be one in Ashton. Councilman Funke asked about recycling. Brandon explained that it really is all about China – no one can recycle cheaper than China can make things. There is no company taking plastics. Paper barely makes it work. Councilman Funke explained that this information would be good to have at the public meeting.

4. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

A. City Park Project/Consultant Contract – Marvin Fielding, Rick Miller **ACTION ITEM**

Marvin is here to talk about the agreement to get started on the improvements project at the park. Councilman Funke would like a copy of the map. The design is not final and the Council will still be meeting a couple more times about the design. Marvin will be seeking input from the Council and the public works department.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion that the City accept the contract with Keller Associates for the park project design. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Wastewater Project/Consultant Contract – Marvin Fielding, Rick Miller **ACTION ITEM**

Marvin and the contractor met on site and talked about stabilization. The contractor will be proposing a cost for some materials to be able to get started. There were some issues with a proposal they took today. They will include fabric and/or geogrid. Councilwoman Hansen asked why the contractor hasn't started where it is dry. Marvin explained that they want to bring the proposal to the Council. Councilwoman Hansen is concerned that they will run out of good weather if they continue to wait. Marvin explained that they are still on winter shutdown and will have 80 days when they start. Councilwoman Hansen asked that they get the proposal to the Council earlier than next month's meeting. Marvin explained that the Phase II bid materials are out. There will be a pre-bid walk through on May 31st, the bid opening will be the 12th and he will bring the bids to the City Council at the June 13th meeting.

Rick Miller is here to discuss a contract for grant administration for Phase II. This project has

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received two Community Development Block Grants through the Idaho Department of Commerce. The Development Company has expedited the bidding by completing the environmental requirements of the grant. There are a few scopes that they will not have to do for this grant although there are some things they will have to do for the Army Corps of Engineers grant. They will still be performing all the all the labor reporting and financial managing. Costs were discussed. City Attorney Angel asked if there are any limits on administrative fees. Rick said they allow \$50,000 for a budget. The state knows the grant requires that much work. Rick feels that it is a very fair contract.

Councilman Mattingly made a motion to approve the contract with the Development Company for the grant admonition for Phase II of the sewer project. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Transportation Plan Update – Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson **ACTION ITEM**
Jaden explained that the first community meeting was held earlier this evening. They had quite a good meeting. There were county, school district and community members present. Jaden will keep getting input to what is needed and what will best fit the City. Next they will do a pavement inventory which will include walking all the streets and noting down all the problems.
- D. Investment Information – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Chris Bateman from Time Value Investments will be here at the City Building at 11:30 AM on the 24th of May. There is more information in the packet and the Council will go over it again next month.
- E. Service Kiosks at Visitor Center – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEMS**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the public works department has been working on getting the electricity in place. Hopefully they will be able to get them in soon.
- F. Spring Cleanup – Mayor Stronks **ACTION ITEM**
Spring cleanup is scheduled for June 4-8. Councilman Funke asked if they found a site to dump the cleanup materials. Delray said there is a big rocky spot on the other side of the sewer lagoon that they will use.
- G. Personnel Policy Update – City Attorney Angell, City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Attorney Angel has been working on an update to the personnel policy based on ICRMPs policy for Cities. He has highlighted the important sections in green. The first important section means that all employees are employed at the will of the City. The Council discussed the items and asked City Attorney Angel to work with City Clerk Stegelmeier to get a copy to the Council for consideration next month.

5. WORKSHOP:

- A. Fiscal Year 2018 Budget – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier distributed budget materials. She asked if the Council would consider taking a tour of the City facilities. They will talk about it next month.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

- A. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council. They discussed what they would ride in for the parade. Mayor Stronks would like City Clerk Stegelmeier to check with Ty Nedrow about riding in the wagon again.

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7. 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.

County School Superintendent Byron Stutzman explained that he forgot to get on the agenda and is happy to be allowed to speak with the Council. He has met with a group of parents that want to start a baseball program in the High School. The school does not have a baseball field. He is grateful to the City for providing a softball field. He is asking if the City has any large piece of property that could be used for a baseball field. There was discussion on dual use at the softball field but the City does not own any other large piece of property. The Council did give him suggestions of property owned around the City that may be available.

Lance Meccico came to talk to the Council. He has been to the City a lot. He provides the product that digests stuff at the sewer lagoons so they do not smell. He explained that he has been happy to work with Delray and wanted to meet with the Council to introduce himself.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 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

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor