

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

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: Becky Harrigfeld**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Tadd Atchley**

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

**Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Deputy Griffel, Garth Blanchard, Tom Howell, Michelle O'Malley, Devin Burton, Tim Ryland, Rachel Hatton, Sheryl Hill and Kurt Eidam.**

**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.*

- A. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS: F. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Project Bid Opening – City Clerk Stegelmeier
- B. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS – D. Doves at old Texaco – Mayor Stronks, City Clerk Stegelmeier

Councilman Harrigfeld made a motion to add 3rd Street Project Bid Opening to the Unfinished/Old Business portion of the agenda and Doves at old Texaco to the New Business/Petitions portion of the agenda. Councilwoman Hansen 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 Regular Council Meeting Minutes 5-11-2016
- 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. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Ashton Urban Renewal Agency Appointment Nomination – Mayor Stronks  
Mayor Stronks nominated Devin Burton as an appointee on Ashton Urban Renewal Agency.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to appoint Devin Burton to the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency. Councilman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### 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-owned Main Street Properties – Councilman Atchley, City Clerk Stegelmeier  
The Council discussed the building sizes and condition. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that if they set a value, at their next meeting they can hold a public hearing then at the August meeting they

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could have the auction. Councilman Atchley explained that the old library could be offered at even \$5,000 and the chiropractic as well as the old city building for \$40,000. Councilman Funke explained that he thought setting a lower minimum may get the bidders to bid the price up. Councilwoman Harrigfeld gave her opinion that the old library could be set at \$2000. Councilman Atchley said that he would be willing to start the other two buildings at \$25,000. Councilman Funke said that he had also read through more of the material and the City can carry a contract for 10 years if necessary. Councilman Atchley said that the buildings – as they are now – are just a liability for the City.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to set a minimum bid of \$2,000 on the old library and \$25,000 on the old city building and chiropractic building. He asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to advertise for a public hearing on the sale to be held at the City Council meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Mosquito Abatement – Councilwoman Hansen, City Clerk Stegelmeier  
Councilwoman Hansen has not heard back from the St. Anthony public works. She will have information for the next meeting. Councilman Funke explained that the city needs to get on it because there are mosquitos at his home.
- C. Using the Visitor Center Property on Hwy 20 – Tim Ryland, Esther Ryland  
Tim Ryland has found another location for his business but since the place is for sale, he would like the City to still consider letting him use part of the Visitor Center parking lot. He now is at the car wash but is worried in case the property is sold.
- D. Abandoned Vehicles – Officer Griffel  
Officer Griffel said half of the list are complying so far. The ones that are having trouble have health issues, etc. and/or have talked with Officer Griffel about when or how they can comply. They understand there is an issue in town. He is following up each evening with those that have not complied. Some of list are people who don't live here but own property in town. He is deciding how to handle that. Councilwoman Hansen thinks the key is communication and possibly a time limit.
- E. Police Hiring Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Officer Griffel, Chief Mattingly  
The Council discussed advertising. Councilman Atchley suggested that it be placed on the East Idaho help wanted, the City's website and the Island Park News.

Councilman Funke made a motion to advertise for the police position in the local paper and also send the advertisement to the Idaho Police Association. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bid Opening – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the bid opening is on the 14<sup>th</sup>. To get the project started in July, the City Council would need to have a Special Meeting in order to accept the winning bid. After some discussion, it was decided to try to have the meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

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- A. Trees & Weeds on Fremont Street – Kurt Eidam  
Kurt Eidam explained that he has purchased the old Charlie Allen House on Fremont Street. The neighboring property has some old cotton wood trees that have not been maintained and seed pods, etc. are falling on their cars. He also expressed concern over the weeds on the lot. Councilman Funke is of the opinion that it is owned by Lynn Hossner. Mayor Stronks directed City Clerk Stegelmeier to have City Attorney Lookabaugh write a letter asking Mr. Hossner to fix the problems.
- B. Monument Letter – Mayor Stronks  
Mayor Stronks explained that the letter he would like the Council to sign with him was a letter that was requested by Fremont County Commissioner LeRoy Miller. The letter is to again express the City's position about having a National Monument in Island Park. The all signed it and asked Mayor

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Stronks to send it to the Commissioners to send on to Washington.

- C. Communications & Volunteer Projects – Councilman Funke  
Councilman Funke would like to take just a few minutes of the Council’s time. He explained that the City cleanup has been great. He feels that having a nice, clean City keeps the value of the properties. He thinks there is a need to communicate with the citizens better. It would go a long way in making the city what the citizen expect it to be. He also feels like the volunteers do not get recognition and he thinks that the City can work a lot better in that area. The rotary project out on State Hiway 20 looks so nice. The Visitor Center needs staining and cleaned up. He thinks it has been several years since anything has been done. Councilman Funke feels that the City needs it to be a show house for the City. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her opinion that communication with employees may be a problem. There are work orders that need to be finished and marked off. Maybe there needs to be a policy about the work orders. There needs to be better communications between City departments. Councilman Funke explained that the citizens want to be heard. The Council then discussed better communications with employees. .
- D. Doves at old Texaco – Mayor Stronks, City Clerk Stegelmeier  
Mayor Stronks explained that there is lady getting spores from the pigeons. He has spoken to the Fremont County Commissioners and they said they would help any way they could. Mayor Stronks will talk with City Attorney Lookabaugh to find a solution.
- E. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council. A ride for the parade was discussed with Mayor Stronks asking Rachel Hatton if she had any ideas. She said that Clen Atchley has a stagecoach they could borrow. Mayor Stronks asked Rachel if she would work that out with Mr. Atchley. The theme of the parade is Nature in Idaho.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT:

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

### NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 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