

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

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: Becky Harrigfeld
PLEDGE LED BY: Tadd Atchley

Present: Mayor Stronks, Councilman Pincock, Councilman Atchley, Councilwoman Hansen and Councilwoman Harrigfeld.

Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Officer Greg Griffel

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. AMEND AGENDA:

A. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS: B. Shop with a Cop – Mayor Stronks, Officer Griffel, Chief Mattingly Councilman Pincock made a motion to amend the Agenda as presented. Councilman Atchley 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 8-13-14, Special Council Meeting 8-27-14.
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

Councilman Pincock made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Atchley 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. RFP for Sewer Study and Garbage Service – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier asked if there were any corrections to the requests for proposals. The RFPs will then be published.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to publish the requests for proposals as presented. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Highway 20 Intersection Meeting – Councilwoman Hansen, Officer Griffel, Chief Mattingly, Todd Martindale.
Councilwoman Hansen reported on the meeting with the Idaho Transportation Department

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concerning the intersection. She explained that the ITD seemed concerned about the intersection also and brought information on traffic counts with them. Councilwoman Hansen said that the City Council needs to look over some of the options that the ITD have suggested and then the ITD will make the improvements. The changes will not occur until maybe 2020 and will depend on the availability of funds. The Council then discussed their thought that the biggest problem is getting on the highway. Officer Griffel explained that makes people nervous when they wait for a while and then they take chances that they shouldn't take. He has seen it happen right while as he is monitoring traffic. One of the suggestions from the ITD was to take out one of the lanes so there are not 4 lanes at the intersection. They also talked about a roundabout and a light. The light would be one that would use sensors to change the light when east or west bound traffic come to the intersection. Discussed the ITD's suggestion about having curb and gutter for pedestrians and also to eliminate parking along the highway. Councilwoman Hansen reiterated that the Council should discuss what they think the future will bring or how what they want as an end result. The Council will discuss how they want to go about this process.

- B. Shop with a Cop – Mayor Stronks, Officer Griffel, Chief Mattingly
Mayor Stronks explained that St. Anthony's Mayor Thueson expressed his enthusiasm and invited Mayor Stronks and the City of Ashton to participate in the program Shop with a Cop. Police departments in the area get together and raise money for needy children. They then take the children to a store so that they may buy presents for their family. Officer Griffel explained that the Ashton Police Department has participated in the past and it is a good program. Mayor Stronks explained that Mayor Thueson is asking the City of Ashton to make a \$500 donation to the program. City Clerk Stegelmeier inquired as to whether the Council would then also like to still participate in donating money towards the turkeys that the Red Hats give each year. The Council discussed both with comments of support for both programs.

Councilman Pincock made a motion that the City donate \$ 500 each to Shop with a Cop and \$ 250 to the Red Hat program. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. 2015 Liquor Licenses – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that all the liquor license applications were in with payment but there were two without both their State & County licenses attached as required.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to approve the liquor license applications contingent on receipt of county and state licenses. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went through the schedule with the Mayor and Council.

5. CITIZEN INPUT: (Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.)

Ben Rankin came to City Council to propose an Eagle Scout project at the City Pool. He brought a drawing to show the project which is some new cubby holes located at the north facing end of the building in which customers may place their bags. Councilwoman Hansen asked if they would be permanent or portable. Ben explained that they would be permanent. Councilman Pincock inquired as to what they would be made of because of the weather. Ben said they would be made of weatherproof plywood with a good sealant or thick layer of paint. Ben explained that he would be either paying all the costs or getting donations for the costs. Councilman Atchley explained that he thinks it will be a good idea and the Mayor & Council agreed.

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Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to approve Ben Rankin’s Eagle Scout project as presented. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 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:

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor