

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, March 21, 2014

3:00 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: Brett Pincock

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

Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Deputy Clerk Warnke, Todd Hansen

Mayor Stronks called meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

1. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

A. Garbage Request for Proposals – City Clerk Stegelmeier

The Council went over the RFP and gave City Clerk Stegelmeier some changes to make. The changes include some typos and a five year contract with protections for the City. Councilwoman Hansen used the question 'If it's not broken, why fix it?' to express her opinion that PSI has done a good job, worked well with the office and with the customers. She is not sure there is a reason to go out to bid. Councilwoman Harrigfeld expressed her concern that the costs may raise and that with the water rate raising, customers will again be hit with a raise in rates. Councilman Pincock expressed his opinion that a local person is interested in starting this business and would need this kind of opportunity to do so. Councilman Atchley expressed his opinion that it would be nice to work with a local owner, but he is not sure that the local owner has much of a chance in making his bid competitive. The Council discussed the need for an extension so that the bidding process can be completed.

Councilman Pincock made a motion that the City's garbage service go out for bid, that City Clerk Stegelmeier incorporate the changes put forth and that a one year extension be signed by the Mayor. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

A. City Insurance – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Mayor Stronks

Mayor Stronks explained that he may be losing his insurance and would like to ask the Council to approve letting City Officials pay for their costs, but allow them to be included in the City's health insurance group. It would apply to all elected officials.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to allow elected officials join the City's group health plan at their own cost. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

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

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NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 9, 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