

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 16, 2019

12 NOON

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

**In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen (by phone), Tom Mattingly, and Jerry Funke.**

**Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Todd Martindale, Brett Griffel, Jaden Jackson, Andrea Gumm, Sheryl Hill, Curtis Calderwood, Chris Reinke, Jeremy Pettengill, Drew Meppin and Megan Bryan.**

**Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 11:58 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. Wastewater Project Change Order – Jaden Jackson, Brett Griffel, Todd Martindale **ACTION ITEM**  
Jaden is here to speak to the Council about a work change directive. Todd and Brett reported that there is a sewer service between Walnut and Cherry Streets right off of 5<sup>th</sup> Street that has two services sharing a line and then tying straight into a manhole. This is not allowed by code. There is some rock and the pricing could vary from approx. \$ 9,749.74 up to \$ 20,904.10 depending on how much rock. Councilman Mattingly asked who the adjacent owners are and Jaden explained it is between the homes of Stacy Dexter and Richard Huntsman.

**Councilman Mattingly made a motion to approve the work change directive. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### 2. WORKSHOP:

*A discussion with between the City Council, City Employees and the Idaho Transportation Department.*

- A. Discussion with ITD - ITD Representatives, City Council, Police Chief Griffel, Todd Martindale, Brett Griffel, City Clerk Stegelmeier, Chris Reinke **ACTION ITEM**  
Drew Meppin explained that the ITD is here to speak to the City Council concerning the projects that are going to be happening near the City of Ashton. The first project he would like to discuss is the Chester to Ashton project. There will be a public information meeting on June 11 from 4 to 7 at the Ashton Community Center. Members of the ITD had met earlier with landowners along the project to give them a heads up. There have not been any design decisions yet but it is expected that there will be a four-lane highway from Chester to the City limits of Ashton. The ITD needs input from the community and property owners. It will also need to go through an environmental assessment process (NEPA). Councilman Funke asked what the timeline for the project was looking like. Drew explained that the project is scheduled for the environmental assessment to begin this year but the funding is out to 2024. There is no other major maintenance planned for that highway. The bridge on Fall River will be replaced and there will be some concern in making sure the project does not encroach on the railroad property. Drew then went on to the intersection of Hwy 47 and Hwy 20. Alecia explained that the project was scheduled for construction in 2021 but has been pushed out to 2023. When the environmental and cultural assessment were done it was found that the light may interfere with the Frostop root beer mug sign which is a historic monument. There is a process through the State Historical Society that will take some time. There was some oil found also but it was not enough to be a problem. City Clerk Stegelmeier asked if a right lane off ramp for large

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trucks could be discussed and Drew said to bring that idea to the public meeting. Police Chief Griffel inquired as to whether a speed change would be possible especially because the light installation is being delayed. Drew explained that Greg would need to speak to Bryan Young with the ITD. Drew then moved on to the construction that will be taking place on Ashton Hill this coming summer. It is a 6.5-million-dollar project and Depatco will begin the construction on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Construction will take place on Mondays through Fridays at noon. On holidays they will not work a day before or the day following the holiday/weekend. They are hoping to keep the traffic flowing and the Ashton Hill Estates will have access. Residents should not have any issues. They have been worried about traffic and especially large trucks semis being able to slow down. The speed limits will be 25 Southbound and 45 going north. Any concerns should be directed to the ITD District 6 headquarters. Councilman Mattingly asked if there were going to be steep drop offs similar to the ones during the last project. Drew explained that they are trying to minimize them – they learned from the last project. The project will last all summer long. The Island Park projects are moving forward with different alternatives that will be discussed. There will be shoulder widening and passing lanes installed from Sheep Falls turnoff to the Island Park Lodge. The main purpose of the projects is safety. The projects may start in 2022 and could be concurrent. Councilman Funke asked about if there were any projects scheduled for Hwy 47. Drew explained that they were aware the issues and know they need improvement. It is a non-commerce route so that makes it difficult to find funding for a full reconstruct. Councilman Funke explained that it is terrible and defiantly needs repair.

Mayor Stronks thanked the representatives for ITD for their time. He encouraged everyone in attendance to attend the information meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Ashton Community Center from 4-7 pm.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

- ◆ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 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

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Cathy Stegelmeier

City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks

Mayor