

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (Conference Room)

*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

Present: Mayor Stronks, Councilwoman Harrigfeld, Councilman Atchley and Councilman Funke.

Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Marvin Fielding

Mayor Stronks called meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bid Acceptance for Sludge Removal – Marvin Fielding, City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that reason for a special meeting was because the farmers will need a 30 day window before they can put animals on the ground or cut the hay. She then explained that the City only received one bid and said Marvin could explain it better to the Council. Marvin explained that the bid was a very good bid. It came in at 12 cents a gallon where he was expecting 19 cents. Councilman Funke asked what demolition is included in the bid. The bid is approximately \$27,000 more than listed in the study but is much less than other bids have been this year. Marvin explained that the old aerators will be taken out and put back in – Delray has been asking why the new ones just can't be put in so that they don't have to be disturbed twice but that is still in the works. Willie Tuescher at the DEQ has said that the Council can go ahead providing they make their acceptance contingent upon the DEQ approval.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to accept bid from MVP Environmental contingent upon approval from DEQ. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion with Lease Holder – Chad Nielson, City Clerk Stegelmeier, Renn Nielson
City Clerk dialed Renn Nielson who is representing Nielson Brothers Farms for this project. Mayor Stronks introduced the Council and Marvin Fielding to Renn so he would know who was at the meeting. Marvin explained the timing of the bio solid placement – that they would be looking at July 1st before crops could be taken off the land application site. He had also calculated the amount of land taken out by the new pond which would be approximately 15 acres. They agreed that there would be most of the summer that the cows would not be able to use the pasture where the pond is being placed. Renn explained that he would like to talk about the use of the land application site for fall grazing. Marvin explained that the current land application permit does not allow that but that the City may want to request that in the future. Renn expressed his opinion that cows take off more nitrogen with the fall grazing. He said that it looks like to him for 2017 that they will need to adjust the payment because of the lack of pasture. He will look at the total numbers and come up with a pro rata reduction for what they do use. The Council expressed agreement to that proposal. Renn went on to say that in the future, there would need to be an adjustment because of the loss of acres. The Council seemed agreeable to that proposal. Renn asked that the fence be put in better this time because the fence around the pivot the first time had to be replaced several times. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and explained that he would be in touch with City Clerk Stegelmeier about the particular numbers and if a meeting is needed – he will set it up with her. Mayor Stronks thanked him for his time.

2. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, May 10, 2017, Council Chambers. 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