

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

**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**  
**Harrigfeld**

**PRAYER OFFERED BY: Becky**

**PLEDGE LED BY: Brett Pincock**

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**In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen, Becky Harrigfeld, Tadd Atchley and Brett Pincock.**

**Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Lookabaugh**

**Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.**

### **1. WORK SESSION:**

**A. Archive – Barbara Moon, City Clerk Stegelmeier**

Mayor Stronks thanked Barbara Moon for coming to the meeting. He then explained that when he, Councilwoman Hansen, Councilman Pincock and City Clerk Stegelmeier met with Barbara and the Museum folks, they decided that both the City and the Historical Society needed to meet in their groups and discuss the situation. He asked Barbara to express her thoughts concerning the Archives moving to the old City Building with the museum. Barbara explained that communication has been an issue. The Archives Committee met on Monday but they did not tell Barbara that they were going to meet. This was the first meeting that the committee has held since Barbara was hired. There have been several people coming to talk with her from the historical society – each one explaining something different from the others. Barbara does not think that the building is big enough for what the historical society already has much less the Archives. They have showed her the same room the last couple of times. The room is big enough now but she is still concerned about the future growth of the museum and archive – not to mention storage and work rooms. The society has simply not addressed any of that. Barbara would like to see a plan. Another questions are: hours of operation, staffing, cleaning.

Councilman Pincock and Councilwoman Hansen are concerned about Tom having a key. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that he must have had one made. Councilwoman Harrigfeld expressed her opinion that someone who is not with the City should not have a key until an agreement is made. Councilwoman Hansen explained that the society is not listening – they only hear what they want to hear. The Council has asked them for plans every time they have met. Councilman Pincock explained that at the last meeting with the society he had asked for a business plan and they will be bringing it to a meeting with the full Council.

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Councilwoman Harrigfeld expressed concern about their lack of fundraising – they don't need to wait for the City to give them something, they can start now.

Mayor Stronks explained that he knows that he and the Council have been committed to helping and making things good for the citizens. Following employee meeting though, he feels that when they are thinking of spending all of this money on the museum – they need to be taking care of the people who are working for the City. He thinks they need to keep things in perspective and hadn't thought about it that way. Sometimes employers expect complete loyalty but some do not give any loyalty to the employees. Councilwoman Harrigfeld agreed and said that it is very hard to work for employers who do not care for their employees. With that thought he would like to go on to the budget discussion.

City Clerk Stegelmeier asked what date she should set for the meeting with the Fremont County Historical Society. Councilwoman Hansen expressed concern that someone should meet also with the Archives Committee to get them to work better with Barbara. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that a possible solution is to sit down with them and go over the Committee handbook. Mayor Stronks, Councilwoman Hansen and City Clerk Stegelmeier were assigned to meet with the Committee one afternoon the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting with the Council and the society was scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

### B. Budget – City Clerk Stegelmeier

The City Council went over the budget with City Clerk Stegelmeier. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the increase in insurance cost is going to be OK. The budget is still looking alright with a little over \$20,000 to move to areas that need assistance. Councilwoman Hansen expressed concern about the engineering costs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street improvements. She also brought up the other buildings that the City owns and the need to sell them. City Clerk Stegelmeier talked with the Council about the Archive budget and they discussed a fee schedule. Councilwoman Harrigfeld explained that at the County Court they charge a \$4 research fee. City Clerk Stegelmeier will get with Barbara and bring some ideas back to the City Council. Mayor Stronks asked Del Jensen & Todd Martindale if the grader was going to need blades or repairs. Del said that the grader would be needing blades. Discussion continued on the street sweeper, etc. City Clerk Stegelmeier will come to Council meeting next week with an updated budget for approval prior to publication. City Clerk Stegelmeier reminded the Council that they will need to make sure to have a quorum for the budget public hearing on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

## **2. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Stronks called everyone back in at the request of Councilman Pincock. Councilman Pincock explained that they never discussed a raise for the City employees. Councilwoman Harrigfeld explained that although the insurance costs have risen and the employees have taken that as a raise for several years – their cost of living has still gone up. Councilwoman Hansen is concerned about whether this is

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the year to do it – with the large raise in insurance costs. City Clerk Stegelmeier was directed to look into an across the board 3% raise. Councilman Atchley also asked her to find out what other cities are paying.

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

- ◆ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 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

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Cathy Stegelmeier

City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks

Mayor