

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

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

**PRAYER OFFERED BY: Tadd Atchley**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Teresa Hansen**

**In Attendance:** Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen, Tadd Atchley, Jerry Funke and Tom Mattingly.

**Also in attendance:** City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, Marvin Fielding, Lisa Smith, Sheryl Hill and Jaden Jackson.

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

### 1. CONSENT AGENDA: **ACTION ITEM**

*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 Meeting Minutes 7-11-2018, Special Meeting Minutes 7-25-2018
- B. **Treasurers Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted
- E. **Budget Report** – Worksheet showing the revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year to date

Councilman Atchley made a motion that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the exception of the Eagle Rock invoice until DEQ approval. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:

- A. Ashton Ordinance 472-18 – FY Budget Amendment – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**  
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that there are three funds in which the budget will need to be amended. The first is the Visitor Center fund. The new kiosks cost more than was budgeted. The General Fund will need to be amended to allow it to give the extra funds to the Visitor Center fund in order to balance the fund. The Street Fund is the final fund that will need to be amended. It will need to be amended to accept and distribute the AURA Sidewalk Project funds. City Clerk Stegelmeier is asking for a motion to publish notice for public hearing on the amended budget.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to publish notice for Ashton Ordinance 472-18. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- B. Ashton Ordinance 473-18 – FY 2019 Appropriations – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**  
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the budget. She explained that she put in the budget requests as directed at the last meeting. She was wondering if the Council wanted to revisit the request for a new plow as Councilman Atchley has more information on the request. Councilman Atchley explained that the request is for a 7 way plow. He is not sure that this sort of plow is needed at this time. With the sewer and park projects going on, he recommends revisiting the request next year. Councilman Funke thinks it would be a good addition to the plow – especially out at the wastewater treatment lagoons. He agrees with Councilman Atchley that revisiting the request next year would be a good idea. The Council then discussed insurance. They instructed City Clerk Stegelmeier that the grandfathered Blue Cross plan would be used again this year but there would be no cost of living

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raise. Mayor Stronks enquired about the tennis court costs. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the expenditure is in the budget but that the revenue for the project would need to come from grants unless the Council would like to use savings. The Council discussed their concern in spending with the other planned projects. Councilwoman Hansen explained that with having to raise rates on the sewer, the City planning to spend \$100,000 on the tennis courts would seem wrong. Councilman Atchley is not sure that many citizens will use the tennis courts.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion for publication with the changes as directed. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

#### A. PSI Garbage Costs – Mike Doyle **ACTION ITEM**

Mike Doyle was not present.

### 4. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

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

#### A. AURA Sidewalk Project Bid Consideration – Marvin Fielding, Rick Miller, Jaden Jackson, City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angel **ACTION ITEM**

Jaden Jackson is here to talk about Ashton Urban Renewal Agency (AURA) sidewalk project. He met with AURA last night. AURA has agreed to come up with \$40,000 more to put into the project. That will make the \$290,000 available for the project. It will leave \$117,000 needed to do the project as bid. Jaden will be going to DePatco to see if they can reduce the scope. The possibilities that they are considering are to not to move school crossing, taking out street lights (still placing conduit and bases) and instead of adding a storm drain they will plan a valley gutter across 9<sup>th</sup> street. These changes should save quite a bit. Councilman Atchley is concerned about losing integrity in the sidewalk. Jaden said he feels that it will be a good decision. Councilman Atchley asked if the City could wait on the project and see if the bids would be better. Jaden said that the project will need to be completed this year according to the grant agency. The moving of the crossing and the storm drain were added to the project following discussions with the City this spring. If the grant is returned, Jaden explained that the City may not be considered in the future for grants – sort of a 'black mark'. The project is supposed to be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Atchley explained that he thought that the City simply said they would be a pass through on the project – he now feels that the City is on the hook if it is not completed. Councilman Funke expressed his agreement with Councilman Atchley. The Council instructed Jaden to come back after he has gone back to DePatco and then they will decide from there. The Council feels that they have several projects on the line – the money should not all have to come from the City.

#### B. Wastewater Project Phase I Progress Report – Marvin Fielding, City Clerk Stegelmeier

Jaden Jackson explained that project is moving right along. The contractor has completed the roof on chlorine building and have the pump station wired. The dyke around the new lagoon is 67 percent complete. The contractor anticipates a couple weeks to be done with the lagoon. There is a spring in the inside of the lagoon that is not drying out but the water table is not high enough that it will be a problem once the liner is installed. Councilman Funke is wondering what the purpose is of the white pipe out in the middle of the lagoon. Jaden explained that that is where the water will come in and exit the lagoon. The City will pump the effluent up to the lagoon and gravity feed it back for land application. Next is the liner and then clean water for the seepage test. Following the seepage test Phase I will be complete. Phase II will be starting this fall.

#### C. City Park Project– Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson, Pauline Johnson, City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angel, **ACTION ITEM**

The Park Project is almost reading for bidding. The Council is hoping for better costs with a longer

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completion date. This fall the pool lining phase will start the project and lock in the grant. The pool lining should be starting in September and completed in October.

- D. Transportation Plan – Jaden Jackson, Marvin Fielding **ACTION ITEM**  
Jaden explained that the road inventory and sign inventory are done. Most of the signs are in good condition but many are at the wrong height. May need to get a grant for posts and some updated signs.

### 5. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

- A. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**  
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the tentative schedule with the Council. The budget public hearing date is August 29<sup>th</sup>. She then explained that she put an email in their packet. It is from surveyors who measured the distance from the Opera House to the Methodist Church. There is more than 300 feet. There are some other items the current bar will need to do to come into compliance but the location will work.

### 6. COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

*Councilmembers will bring items to be discussed with the other Councilmembers & Mayor. No action should be taken on these items as they have not been specifically listed on the agenda.*

Teresa Hansen explained that she learned in the AURA meeting that they are planning on deeding the pocket park to the City in January. The Council is still of the opinion that they asked AURA to keep possession for 10 years. City Clerk Stegelmeier will look for the minutes from the meetings.

Councilman Funke explained that he spoke to Ellsworth Moon. Ellsworth explained that when his brother Warren dies, his property will be given to Habitat for Humanity. Ellsworth is not capable of mowing the yard and thought the City would do it and apply the cost to the property tax. They talked about some more places where the weeds are getting bad. Councilman Atchley expressed his thought that Councilman Funke may want to be in charge of the nuisance code enforcement.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

### NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 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