

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:00 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: Teresa Hansen
PLEDGE LED BY: John Scafe

In Attendance: Tom Mattingly, Teresa Hansen, John Scafe and Nate Finley. John Kaelberer is excused due to family responsibilities.

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Chief Griffel, Taci Stoddard, Rick Miller and James Allen.

Mayor Mattingly welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

1. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Reading of Proposed Ordinance 514-25 – Fiscal Year 2026 Budget
City Clerk Stegelmeier read the ordinance into the record.

B. Public Comment (Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.)
Mayor Mattingly opened the public hearing at 6:05 pm.
There were no members of the public who signed up to speak. Mayor Mattingly asked if anyone in the audience would like to give public comments. There was no public comment.
Mayor Mattingly closed the public hearing at 6:06 pm.

2. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:

A. City of Ashton Ordinance 514-25 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 **ACTION ITEM**

Councilman Finley made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 514-25 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Finley read the ordinance into the record by title.

Councilman Finley made a motion to that Ashton City Ordinance 514-25 be approved and published. Councilman Scafe seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. City of Ashton Resolution 25-04 – Utility Cost of Living Rate Update **ACTION ITEM**

Councilman Scafe made a motion to that Ashton City Resolution 25-04 be approved. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hansen expressed her desire to set up a program to help those who struggle in paying the city utility bills. She would like to have a system where utility customers could 'round up' or pay up to the nearest dollar and the difference would be put into a fund to help others. City Clerk Stegelmeier will speak with the City Auditor and City Attorney Angell to try to get a system put together for the City Council to review.

3. Parks Project Administrator and Design Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Taci Stoddard, Rick Miller, Jaden Jackson **ACTION ITEM**

Taci Stoddard with Alturas is here to talk to the City Council about the park project. Rick Miller is also here. They discussed the project and direction for the application. Using the small purchase procedure. Asked

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about money for the pool.

Councilman Scafe made a motion that using the small purchase procedure the City selects Altura as the City's grant administrators and Keller Associates as the design engineering firm. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Scafe made a motion to approve the use of up to \$25,000 from savings for matching funds for the parks project grant. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Water Study Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Todd Martindale, Kyle Jones **ACTION ITEM**

Kyle is here to discuss the water study with the council. He and the Council went over different parts of the water study. The study needs to be completed by December 26th. Kyle will be at the next Council meeting to discuss alternatives, and a public meeting will be held on September 17th.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting ended at 6:48 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Tom Mattingly
Mayor