

City of Ashton Minutes Planning and Zoning Commission

**Thursday, September 18, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

In Attendance: Rosie Owens, Audrey Tibbitts, Trenna Howell and Dallas Hill.

Also, in Attendance: Administrator Aaron Denney & Deputy Clerk Jan Warnke.

Chairman Owens opened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

1. Approve Minutes of August 21, 2025: ACTION ITEM

The minutes from August 21, 2025, were not ready to be submitted. They will be submitted at the meeting on October 9, 2025.

2. Comprehensive Plan Discussion

The commission focused on finalizing the comprehensive plan. Administrator Denney requested feedback on edits. Some of the commission members asked for more time. The administrator gave them a deadline set for next Friday, September 26, 2025. The group discussed the accuracy of dates, particularly the sewer system update from 1978. They also debated the slogan "Together we build tomorrow". They feel it sounds generic and want to come up with a better slogan.

3. Zoning Districts Discussion

Administrator Denney had asked the commission to outline what they envisioned, the difference between community core, historic main and highway commercial zones would be. Chairman Owens researched other areas. She discovered that the original zones are kept the same, but there would be a historic downtown overlay. She feels that this method would be the easiest way to keep it simple.

4. Area of Impact Discussion

The State of Idaho Transportation Department has plans to one day have the divided highway go from the existing divided highway in Chester through Island Park. The project will be built in stages. The preliminary plans show the highway going through on the west side of Ashton. The commission would like to be proactive and have a zone designation along the road going west to meet the highway. The commission would like to be able to designate so much area alongside the road highway commercial. Next, they discussed how much impact area they thought they would need on the north and south of Ashton and concluded not to include those areas. They focused on just the east and west areas.

5. Upcoming Public Hearing

It was decided that the commission needed at least one more meeting before scheduling a public hearing for the comprehensive plan.

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- **Schedule next Meeting**

Due to some conflicts, the next meeting was scheduled for October 9, 2025

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Jan Warnke