

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

6:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

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**PRAYER OFFERED BY: John Scafe**  
**CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Nate Finley**

In Attendance: Tom Mattingly, Teresa Hansen, John Kaelberer, John Scafe and Nate Finley.

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Deputy Clerk Warnke, P&Z Administrator Denney, Chief Griffel, City Attorney Angell, Teddy Stronks, Paul Sorensen, Rachel Stronks, Teddy Stronks, Stuart Armstrong, Justin Angell and Andrew Rogers.

Mayor Mattingly welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:00 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 6-11-2025
- B. **Treasurers Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented still excepting the bill from Harper Leavitt Engineering at this time. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Regular Business:**

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

#### **1. Committee Appointment Nomination – Mayor Mattingly ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Mattingly nominated Lynette Baum and Chayla Teske for the Ashton City Pool Advisory Committee.

Councilman Hansen made a motion to approve appointing Lynette Baum and Chayla Teske to the Ashton City Pool Advisory Committee. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Fibercom Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Paul Sorensen ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Sorenson is here to talk to them about finalizing an agreement with Fibercom. This agreement gives Fibercom the right to use the public right-of-way to place communication lines to serve each home within the City. The agreement is not exclusive so another company can come to make agreements also. Councilman Kaelberer asked if the pricing discussed was introductory or is it really going to be a savings for citizens. Paul said that the lowest package with Fibercom is \$40 per month but there is a lot to choose from so to get the same service as they are now from another company – he is not sure. There is a lot of competition so Paul is hoping that it will keep the price low. Councilman Scafe asked if they would be putting in junction boxes, etc. Paul replied yes, then if the residents want the service, they will hook them up for free but the service itself has a monthly fee. To reiterate, Councilman Scafe said so the installation is free but then they pay for the service and any equipment they would like to rent from Fibercom, correct. Paul replied that it was correct. City Clerk Stegelmeier will email the signed

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agreement to Mr. Sorensen.

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to approve agreement with Fibercom. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed three to one. Councilman Finley voted no.

### **3. Multi-Purpose Court Improvement Discussion – Bill Collard, Lynn Beck, Natalie Reynolds**

Bill Collard was at council last year to discuss a wall at the multi-purpose court that can be used to hit against for practice. He looked into finding safety ratings, etc. for different walls but did not come up with anything. He is asking if he can build something that will be safer than the last wall – not on wheels or easy to climb – to have there for practice. There are many people in the community that would like this item at the court. It would help with practice for both tennis and pickle ball. There would be no cost to the City and could just be tarped and stored at the court in winter. Councilman Kaelberer questioned if the wall would stand up next to the fence with a chain hooking it there so it cannot move. Bill replied that it would work. Bill read a statement from Natalie Reynolds explaining that her family would benefit from the project. Lynn Beck, a local pickle ball enthusiast and coach, spoke about how the fence would help her students, etc. Councilwoman Hansen said that as it has been described, it would work well. Councilman Scafe discussed the small fence at the court and if it works good for playing both Tennis and Pickle ball together. Mayor Mattingly thanked them for their time.

Councilman Scafe made a motion to let Mr. Collard put up a wall for hitting the ball at the Ashton Multipurpose Court. Councilman Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Urban Renewal Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Teddy Stronks**

Teddy Stronks explained that the Ashton Urban Renewal Committee had met since he was here at City Council. The City Building Inspector came to their meeting. The older pavilion at the park is quite old and Blake spoke to committee about what would be required if the structure were replaced. They are in the process of getting numbers together to bring back to Council for discussion. Mayor Mattingly explained that he had gone with Blake to look at the pavilion. They saw that the posts holding the pavilion were newer than anyone knew. They dug down a bit and did not see any rot in the wood. Teddy explained that the Urban Renewal would just like to make sure that it was a nice pavilion for the City. Mayor Mattingly suggested that Urban Renewal and the City work together to make it nice. Mayor Mattingly likes the old wood feel of the current pavilion as well as the long table in the middle. There is also a log of history carved into the beams of the structure. Teddy said that would work. Also, he wanted to explain that Urban Renewal is getting ready to complete sidewalks, curb and gutter to the alley on the east sides of both South 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Those will be the final projects for that Urban Renewal District. Mayor Mattingly thanked Teddy for coming to the meeting.

### **5. Abatement Discussion – 401 Main Street – City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, Chief Griffel, Nathan Ricks *ACTION ITEM***

City clerk Stegelmeier explained that the 90 days that were given to Mr. Ricks are now up. Mayor Mattingly asked Nathan Ricks and his realtor Dallas Hill to come up to discuss the next steps. Dallas explained that they had listed the property right at the time of the meeting where they had been given 90 days to do something with the property. They have not been able to sell it but they have now lowered the price and they think it will sell soon. Nathan said that three buyers are considering an offer. Dallas thinks it is in the best interest of the City to let them have more time to complete a sale. Councilwoman Hansen asked about getting the vehicles moved from the property. Nathan said some have moved and he will get the others moved. The building and structure were discussed. Nathan asked if they took down one of the walls, would that be enough until it sold. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that if the City inspector said it was not a safety hazard, then the City would be happy. Dallas asked what the next step would be if the abatement went through. City Clerk Stegelmeier said the City would look for a contractor to take down the building and the cost of the work would be a lien against the property. They asked them how much more time they think they would need. Nathan thinks that a

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sale should be made within 30 days.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to give them 30 more days to complete a sale. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Sign Safety Project Update – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM***

City Clerk Stegelmeier reported that the contractor has been working on the project and it is going well. Councilwoman Hansen asked if the contractor could come to City Council for the next meeting. City Clerk Stegelmeier will ask him to come to the next meeting.

### **7. Wastewater Screen Project Update – City Clerk Stegelmeier**

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the project is in the final completion stages. She asked them if they had all received a text video that she sent showing one of the evaporators working. They reported that they had. Mayor Mattingly encouraged the Council to take the time to have Justin show them around out at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

### **8. Planning & Zoning Report – Mayor Mattingly, P&Z Administrator Denney *ACTION ITEM***

City Clerk Stegelmeier reported that Aaron had called and asked that she report that besides two shed permits, there has not been much going on in P & Z. Soon the public meetings for the Comprehensive Plan will start but right now there is not much happening.

### **9. Generator Discussion – Councilman Kaelberer, City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM***

Councilman Kaelberer would like to get the contractor for the police budget to get started earlier on the installation. Councilman Scafe asked if this is the bid that they have already discussed as being part of the FY2026 budget. Councilman Kaelberer said it was and went over the bidding process that was used.

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to budget cost for the generator be included in the budget.

Councilman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **10. Council Schedule – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM***

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the budget with the Mayor and Council.

### **11. Executive Session – City Attorney Angell *ACTION ITEM***

*I.C. 74-206 Certain City-related matters may need to be discussed confidentially as a matter of law (Acquisition of real property, personnel matters, attorney-client communications) subject to applicable legal requirements, the Council may enter executive session by roll call vote to discuss such matters.*

**(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the City of Ashton to discuss legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation.**

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to enter an executive session. Councilman Finley seconded the motion.

Mayor Mattingly called for a roll call vote. Councilman Finley, aye; Councilman Scafe, aye; Councilwoman Hansen, aye; and Councilman Kaelberer, aye. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

The Council entered an executive session at 7:12 pm.

Councilman Scafe made a motion to exit an executive session. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The Council exited an Executive session at 7:19 pm.

### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting ended at 7:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Tom Mattingly  
Mayor