

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

7:00 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: Becky Harrigfeld
PLEDGE LED BY: Teresa Hansen

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Planning & Zoning Administrator Baker, Rachel Hatton, Delena Stronks, Rod VanKirk, Sheryl Hill and John Scafe.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and excused Councilman Atchley who was unable to attend.

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

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 Regular Council Meeting Minutes 12-10-2014
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

Councilwoman Hansen inquired as to whether the invoice from Sensus was a yearly or monthly invoice. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the invoice is for an annual support service for the water meter software to read and transfer the information to the water meters. Councilwoman Hansen also asked about the higher street light entry on the power bill. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the days are longer in the winter so the street lights are on longer. Councilman Pincock explained that the Christmas lights are also on the street lights.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

2. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. State of the City Address – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks gave his State of the City Address. In his address he also thanked the City Police for the fine job they do for the citizens of Ashton.

3. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. American Dog Derby – John Scafe, Todd Martindale, Del Jensen
John thanked the Council for their time. He explained that the dog derby is coming along. The snow is not deep enough yet. There is still a month to get enough snow to work. The committee appreciates the City and community support. Councilman Pincock asked if the committee had gotten the highway permit and insurance that is required. John explained that he will get copies of them to the City as soon as they are received. Mayor Stronks will be racing Liza Raley at high noon on Friday in the Celebrity Race. Mayor Stronks thanked John & the Dog Derby Committee for all their hard work.
- B. Wastewater Project Discussion – Rob VanKirk, Sheryl Hill
Mayor Stronks reported that Paul Romrell has set a meeting to discuss the issue at the Capital during the upcoming Association of Idaho Cities Day at the Legislature conference. He is hoping that what Sheryl & Rob are bringing to the meeting might help with the meeting. Sheryl Hill introduced herself

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and Rob VanKirk to the Mayor & City Council. She then explained that with their scientific/regulatory experience they would like to offer assistance in negotiating with the Idaho DEQ and EPA. Sheryl has worked on wastewater issues. Rob has discussed with the board at the Henry's Fork Foundation using some of the tests that will be needed for the City's project would also be useful for them. Sheryl explained that they would like to have the City Council give them the authority to discuss the issues with the DEQ and EPA. The Mayor and Council discussed forming a committee with Rob, Sheryl and Kim Ragotzki (who attended the meeting and also has experience in areas that would be helpful). Mayor Stronks asked Sheryl, Rob & Kim if they would be able to help present the City's case to the legislators. Sheryl, Rob & Kim said they would check but thought they could be available. Councilwoman Hansen and Councilman Pincock will also be attending.

Councilman Pincock made a motion that the City form a committee to monitor the watershed and our impact on it and in addition, appoint Rob Van Kirk, Sheryl Hill and Kim Ragotzki to the committee. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Benches – Shawn Fransen
Mr. Fransen was not in attendance.
- B. Water/Sewer Connections – Ray Pierce
Mr. Pierce was not in attendance.
- C. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the agenda with the Council.

5. CITIZEN INPUT: (Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.)

Sheryl Hill explained that she also thought there might be some help through the Ora bridge project because the County will be needing to do some wetland mitigation. They will look into that.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I.C. 67-2345 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.

Personnel

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, February 11, 2015, Council Chambers, Ashton City Building – 714 Main, Ashton. 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:

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor