

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 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: Teresa Hansen
PLEDGE LED BY: Teddy Stronks

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

Also: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Lookabaugh, City Building Inspector Blake Bowman, Doyle Phelps, Sara Reinke and Sheryl Hill.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

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 9-10-14.
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

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

2. APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Ashton Urban Renewal Agency – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks proposed the appointment of Mark Chandler to the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency board.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve the appointment of Mark Chandler to the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency board. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. 2nd Street at Reinke – Councilwoman Hansen
Councilwoman Hansen expressed concern over the roadway on 2nd Street at Reinke Grain. Mayor Stronks expressed his thought that maybe concrete would be a better material for the traffic at that corner. The Council decided to discuss this more at their next meeting.
- B. Garbage Service Proposals – City Clerk Stegelmeier
Mayor Stronks asked the Council whether they had been able to go over the proposals. The Council decided to discuss them at the next meeting.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to table a decision on the garbage service proposals until the November City Council meeting. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Engineering Proposals – City Clerk Stegelmeier

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City Clerk Stegelmeier said that the proposal deadline is October 14th and asked the Council when they would like to meet to discuss them.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to discuss the proposals at a Special City Council meeting on October 22. Councilwoman Harrigfeld 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. Ordinances – Doyle Phelps, City Building Inspector Blake Bowman

Doyle Phelps has come to City Council to discuss a problem for him at his trailer court. He has a potential trailer spot renter who wants to bring a regular camper or RV in to winter at his trailer court. It has been explained to him that a camper is not allowed to be a residence by Ashton City Code. He explained that the snow load requirements are ridiculous and have already caused the loss of a sale of his trailer court. City Attorney Lookabaugh explained that even if the City Council were willing to change the code to allow a camper – and she is not advising that they do so – a change would be cannot be changed in one day. A change in code is at least 3 months out and that would not help him. Doyle explained that he pays taxes and he can't even rent out enough spaces with all the rules to afford the taxes. No one can afford to build roofs for every trailer. He went on to explain that if someone doesn't shovel their trailer off it is their own fault. He wants to know why the City doesn't just let them be responsible. City Building Inspector Blake Bowman explained that times have changed and now cities are held to making sure that all trailers be up to code. There are some trailers that are grandfathered and some that have withstood the winters here already that can be used. Blake had proposed to Mr. Phelps' potential buyer how he could make a change (put up roofs for each spot) in order to be able to have trailers that do not have the snow load capabilities that are required. Dragging trailers in that end up abandoned because they have been ruined due to snow load is not good for business either. It is hard to find anyone to dispose of them. Doyle expressed concern over grandfathering. He said Reinke Grain should not be grandfathered and allowed to build the seed treat bins that poison everyone. He feels like he is being shafted. City Attorney Lookabaugh explained that he is wanting to do something that is not allowed. She went on to say that there are some changes to be made to the City code but that the City would not be challenging the International Building Code. Councilman Atchley said that he has to live in his trailer when he is in Montana so he thinks that the Council should consider a 160 day allowance for trailers. Maybe only in the summer or something. Councilman Pincock explained that every year a shed or sometimes house caves in and that the City is just trying to make sure everyone is safe. City Inspector Bowman said that an RV or Camper cannot be reclassified as a residence even with a roof over it. They do not have the right wiring, etc. to meet the standards of the International Building Code. Councilman Pincock is willing to revisit the ordinances. City Attorney Lookabaugh explained that any changes would need to be specific.

B. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule 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.)

Sara Reinke has come to Council to explain that there will be a training offered through the County's HUD grant and held right here in Ashton. The Ashton Community Foundation is partnering with the

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County to present Main Street Matters. This program is designed to help business owners and other community leaders to identify ways to improve their community. The training will be held Wednesday, November 19th at the Ashton Community Center starting at 8 am. There will be an introduction the evening prior at the St. Anthony City Building. Sara would like to encourage the City Council to attend. Councilman Atchley explained that he feels that the Chamber of Commerce should be involved and he would hope that she would also attend their meeting to make them aware. The Council was interested and excited to have a new program for the City.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 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