

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

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: Tadd Atchley
PLEDGE LED BY: Becky Harrigfeld

In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen, Becky Harrigfeld, Tadd Atchley and Jerry Funke.

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Chief Mattingly, Officer Griffel, Garth Blanchard, Rachel Hatton, Michelle O'Malley, Bryan Case, Del Jensen, Rick Paskett, John Scafe, Marvin Fielding, Todd Martindale, Dave Peterson, Cory Packer and Kimber Tower.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 6:59 pm.

1. AMEND AGENDA:

Any items added less than forty eight (48) hours prior to the meeting are added by Council motion at this time.

6. Executive Session

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

2. 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 1-13-2016.
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted
- E. **Budget Report** – Worksheet showing the revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year to date

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

3. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Election of Council President – Mayor Stronks

Mayor Stronks opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Councilman Atchley expressed his opinion that as Councilwoman Hansen had been a member of the Council the longest of those currently serving – he would like to nominate Councilwoman Hansen. Councilwoman Harrigfeld agreed. Councilwoman Hansen was not so sure that they were correct but she did not say that she would not serve.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to elect Councilwoman Teresa Hansen as Council President. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Hansen thanked the Council for their confidence.

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4. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

A. Dog Derby – John Scafe

John is excited because there is quite a bit of snow and the race is set to go. The temperatures are looking pretty high but he thinks everything will still go great. They have twenty mushers now and there are more signing up each day. There is a musher coming down from Alberta, Canada. The race booklet/schedule can now be viewed online at the American Dog Derby website. They will not be printing them in color but on the website they are in color. The committee has gotten Western States Equipment to assist with a loader and John explained to Todd Martindale that they would probably start setting up at about 2 pm Thursday. Chief mattingly asked that the mushers be made aware of the need to move their vehicles after the race is complete. The street will need to be open and ready for traffic as soon as possible following the end of each days' race. The racers will register at Eagle Peak Lodge on Thursday evening. The motels are filling up. The Soup Challenge will be on Friday night and they are already looking forward to the centennial race in 2017. Mayor Stronks thanked John and the committee for their hard work on the dog race.

5. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

A. Mayor's Youth Advisory Council – Councilwoman Hansen

Councilwoman Hansen met with the principal at North Fremont High School. The St. Anthony Mayor have a Mayor's Youth Council running and she will be going to meet with then next week. She will then bring back information for the next meeting.

City Owned Main Street Properties – Councilman Atchley

Councilman Atchley wants to start moving forward with selling the City owned properties on Main Street. The Council directed City Clerk Stegelmeier to prepare a list, appraisal information and information on the rules for selling City owned property. She will bring them information at the next City Council meeting.

B. Family Crisis Center Information – Kimber Tower

Kimber Tower is here to introduce the Family Crisis Center and what services they provide for the community. Kimber is the community outreach coordinator. The Family Crisis Center has been working to help families in this area for 30 years. They assist community members in Clark and Fremont counties. They provide advocacy services, legal aid and shelter for victims. They also try to assist victims in getting education to prevent abuse. They have built a child forensic interview room and assist police with these interviews by a certified child forensic interviewer. This provides an impartial neutral party to get information for a case. Right now they only have one advocate in the Ashton area (who happens to be Councilwoman Hansen) and need more people willing to help. They have a website for more information at familycrisiscenterinfo.com and an active Facebook page. Kimber and everyone at the Crisis Center just want to make everyone aware that there is help here. Please contact them if they would like training, presentations and/or help. The number is 356-0065. Kimber then gave several blankets to the Ashton Police Department for use in family crisis situations. Mayor Stronks thanked Kimber for her time.

C. Fall River Electric Consolidation – Bryan Case

Bryan Case is the General Manager of Fall River Electric. He brought information to the City Council concerning the company. It is only informative as the company does not serve the City residents. Fall River Electric Cooperative is considering a consolidation with Lower Valley Energy (located in Wyoming). The consolidation was considered in 2002 but at the time a consolidation was not feasible for both companies. The Fall River board has been looking into consolidation again for the last 7 months. This time they have had an outside company do a study on the consolidation. The

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study shows that the company could save 38.4 million dollars through consolidation. The board is recommending consolidation and it will go to the cooperative voters this June and run through the summer with the outcome determined in October. The member patronage has been addressed and will not change. Lower Valley Energy has about 25,000 meters and Fall River Electric has 16,000 meters but they will have equal representation on the Board of Directors. Because Fall River is smaller – those members will get 66% of the savings.

Bryan then explained that Mayor Stronks had also asked him to discuss the possibility of Fall River Electric helping the City to get fiber optic service. Fall River Electric does have fiber optics to their location south of Ashton. He has asked Cory Packer with Fremont Communications to be here also as some of Fall River’s fiber is leased to Fremont Communications. It will cost approximately \$40,000 to get fiber to Ashton and will cost about \$80,000 to get it to the whole City. After some more discussion concerning how the fiber optics would help businesses, etc. Mayor Stronks asked Brian if he would bring more specific figures for bringing fiber optics to Ashton.

D. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that she has included a memo on the City Employee Meeting, the published Quarterly Financial Report and a

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I.C. 67-2345 Certain City-related matters may need to be discussed confidentially as a matter of law (Acquisition out 1280.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

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to enter an executive session per Idaho Code section 67-2345 (b). Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to exit executive session. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 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