

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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: Brett Pincock
PLEDGE LED BY: Teresa Hansen

Present: Mayor Stronks, Councilwoman Hansen, Councilman Pincock and Councilman Rankin.

Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Carol Jensen, Todd Martindale, David Schiess, Del Jensen, Rachel Hatton and Linda Janssen.

Mayor Stronks called meeting to order at 7:16 PM. Mayor Stronks excused Councilman Dexter as he is gone on business.

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 Council Meeting Minutes 3-13-13.
- 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 consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Update of Animal Codes – Mayor Stronks

The Mayor explained that there have been some questions about having roosters or bee hives in the City limits. The Council discussed the items and looked over ordinances that have been passed in other cities. The Council decided to discuss the ordinances again next month.

3. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. Water Project Update – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Todd Martindale, Del Jensen, David Schiess

David Schiess brought the bids on the replacement of the generator and additional pipe work on the job. He is recommending awarding the generator work to DL Beck. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that as she discussed the bids earlier with Councilman Dexter, who is excused from the meeting, they had noticed that there was \$10,000 for painting. The Council discussed the bid more thoroughly. Councilwoman Hansen asked if it be possible to get an itemized list of each portion of the bid. David Schiess said that the painting would include the sheet rock, etc. Councilman Rankin asked whether it was an all or nothing bid. Councilman Pincock is concerned that the council is worried too much about the details of the bid. Mayor Stronks and Councilwoman Hansen explained that it wouldn't be that hard to itemize the bid. Todd explained that the generator is an important improvement. Councilwoman Hansen then inquired concerning the roads. Councilman Rankin and Pincock both also expressed concerns about the cleanup. The discussion focused on the contractors understanding of what would be needed and that they should have already been to Ashton to make the problems better. Last fall they knew there were issues. They then talked about still wanting to

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have an open house at the water treatment plant during the July 4th week. Mayor Stronks thanked David Schiess for his time.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to tentatively approve the bid from DL Beck with the understanding that the items be itemized. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. 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 – Kaiah Bohn
Kaiah was not present.
- B. Fireworks Insurance – Rachel Hatton
Rachel Hatton is here to ask the Council if the City would again provide the insurance for the fireworks for the 4th of July. The theme for the parade is 'Here We Have Idaho' in honor of the territorial sesquicentennial. Linda Janssen is the new president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Stronks thanked Rachel for her time.
- C. Archive Discussion – Linda Janssen, Bernetta Hansen, Tom Howell
Linda Janssen is here to discuss the Archive. She first wanted to thank the Mayor and City Council for celebrating Jane's service with the City's Jane Daniels' day. She felt it was a roaring success. Jane was so pleased with everything. Linda went on to propose that the Council budget for enough funding to provide for a part time paid archivist. The archivist could come in a couple times a week. It would need to be someone who is interested but the City would be a lot more likely to find someone to do it if there was a small wage. Liz Hossner is helping with the newspaper stuff through this summer. There will need to have someone in place after that. The Ashton Archives are a real asset to the community and to the town.
- D. Chamber of Commerce – Linda Janssen, Karen Lansing
Linda explained that she was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce and that she has a great board of directors. They have some good ideas and are gearing up for the 4th of July parade. She is appointing a three person committee to do what Rachel has done in the past. There has been talk about a circus but possibly that may go through the Rotary Club. Linda then explained that the Habitat for Humanity group is interested in helping to fix up the Chamber of Commerce office as a pilot project for the whole community. She is aware that the building belongs to the City and would like to come back next month with a presentation for the Council next month. The project will involve the business people and volunteers. Councilwoman Hansen expressed that it would be good to involve the high school students. Mayor Stronks thanked Linda for her time.
- E. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council. They discussed a tour of the City facilities prior to work meetings on the budget. Pool fees were also discussed and City Clerk Stegelmeier is directed to prepare the proper documents.

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

Councilwoman Hansen inquired as to whether there has been a follow up on the contract for the illegal trees on the City property at the Lenz residence. City Clerk Stegelmeier will have a letter prepared for the next meeting.

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.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 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