

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (North Entrance)

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*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.*

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### CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

**PRAYER OFFERED BY: Teresa Hansen**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Teddy Stronks**

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

**Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, Todd Martindale, John Grube, Robert Comstock, Rachel Hatton, Sonja Cherry, Kylene Cherry, Chad Cherry, Tatyn Hess, Jordan Hess, Kayson Parkinson, Treygun Murri, Dylan Grover, Max Williams, Candy Miller and Verl Miller.**

**Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 6:56 pm.**

### 1. AMEND AGENDA:

*Items added by the Mayor, Councilmember or City Official after the Agenda deadline.*

- A. **D. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS: Main Street Parking – Mayor Stronks, City Attorney Lookabaugh, City Clerk Stegelmeier**

Councilman Pincock made a motion to accept the Amend Agenda. Councilwoman Harrigfeld 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 3-11-2015 & Special Council Meeting 3-16-2015
- 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.

### 3. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. **Garbage Contract** – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier brought a revised contract to the Council for their review. The changes are not material so no new motion was needed.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. **Fireworks Insurance** – Rachel Hatton  
Rachel Hatton is here to ask that the City again use the City's insurance for the fireworks show. The fundraiser is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Pincock reminded Rachel that she will need to get a list of the volunteers for the show to the City prior to the show. City Clerk Stegelmeier will get the letter to Rachel for the next school board meeting. There was some discussion on the increased possibility of fire danger this season and how to avoid problems. Councilwoman Harrigfeld asked if this was earlier than usual for the fundraiser and Rachel answered that it is held now in order to make sure that everything can be accomplished prior to the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Stronks thanked Rachel and

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North Fremont Fire District for their work on the fireworks.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to insure the Ashton Fireworks. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Fireworks – Officer Griffel, Chief Mattingly

Officer Griffel explained that the City's ordinance reads that the City will follow the Idaho State Code concerning fireworks. This means that some of the fireworks citizens have been using are illegal. In the past, the police have just check to make sure no fires or other problems are imminent but in the past couple of years the fireworks have gotten big & louder. They have received several valid complaints concerning these fireworks. Officer Griffel and Chief Mattingly would like the Mayor & Council to be aware that they are going to start enforcing the code more stringently. City Clerk Stegelmeier will be putting information in the City Newsletter and asked if she should check with Heather Randall to get it in the Standard Journal. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her opinion that if it is the law, the City should be enforcing it. Councilwoman Harrigfeld asked if the police will be giving citations. Officer Griffel explained that it would be a misdemeanor citation with up to a \$300 fine but that they are planning to give warnings with ticketing only if necessary. Mayor Stronks thanked Officer Griffel.

C. Nuisances – City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Joette Lookabaugh

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that there have been some complaints about areas that need to be cleaned up in the City. She is asking if the City Council wants to do a City wide nuisance abatement similar to the last one. The Council directed her to put an article in the newsletter and then as complaints are made, bring a photo to the Council for direction on a case by case basis.

D. Main Street Parking – Mayor Stronks, City Attorney Lookabaugh, City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier reported that there are some problems with long term parking on Main Street. There have been some businesses that have others parking in front of their business for hours making it hard for their customers to get to their business. Mayor Stronks asked if the Council thought a 2 hour limit or something would be a good idea. Councilman Pincock expressed his concern that there are too many regulations already. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her opinion that it may be better for that business person to talk with the neighboring business and work it out. She feels that many times that is better than having a law trying to force compliance. The Council will talk with City Attorney Lookabaugh concerning the parking on Main Street.

E. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was discussed with the Council deciding to come back at the next meeting with ideas for transportation but asking City Clerk Stegelmeier to order bouncy balls and candy for them to throw out at the parade.

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

Mayor Stronks explained that at Rotary, the Mayor of Ammon had been there and a discussion on fiber-optic lines was interesting for the City. He has asked Robert Comstock to look into fiber-optic lines for Ashton and asked Robert to explain a little for the Council. Robert explained that Ammon got a fiber-optic ring and would help Ashton to find out if we could get one here. It would mean that businesses would have an important key to locate here in Ashton. This would be great for the Ashton economy and infrastructure. Mayor Stronks asked Robert to report at the May Council meeting.

Rachel Hatton explained that she had forgotten to explain that the parade route would be changing slightly because the staging area now has a Family Dollar store in it. She spoke to Chief Mattingly and City Clerk Stegelmeier and it was decided that the best alternative was to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Street back to Cherry Street to use it for a staging area. Rachel will personally let all the residents know what will be happening. The emergency

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vehicles will still stage at Reinke Grain and the horses at Railroad Avenue. Rachel also explained how much she appreciates the public works and police for all that they do for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Todd Martindale explained that he had gotten a bid from Hill Construction late in the day but thought he should bring it to Council. It is to repair the valves on Walnut Street that are leaking. They should be able to get to them within the month.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to accept the bid from Hill Construction to repair the valves. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **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, May 13, 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

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor