

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 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: Teresa Hansen
PLEDGE LED BY: Teddy Stronks

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 7:04 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 4-10-13.
- 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. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Resolution 13-01 – Pool Fee Increase
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the increase is more than 5% so a public hearing will be scheduled for next month's Council meeting.
- B. Rooster Ordinance – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Carol Jensen
The Council discussed some draft ordinances from their packets. They discussed just adding no roosters, also discussed that an argument can be made that 'chicken' in the ordinance could be interpreted as only being female only. The will talk about updating this ordinance if problems continue.
- C. Bee Keeping Ordinance – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Carol Jensen
The Council discussed just outlawing bee keeping but then decided that the rules set forth by an example ordinance from Idaho Falls would work in Ashton. Discussion continued and it was decided to consider this ordinance if there is more interest from the citizens.

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, Dave Schiess
The Council discussed the need for the roads being fixed. The difficulties with the first meter reading were excessive and it was discussed that the contractor would need to work through getting this corrected for the City. Councilman Pincock expressed his concern that training will need to be completed so that the public works employees feel comfortable with using the new equipment. Mayor Stronks and Councilman Pincock offered to meet with the engineer, contractor and employees to get the problems solved.

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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

Mayor Stronks asked Kaiah to attend the meeting to introduce her to the Council. Kaiah is interested in reviving the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her hope that now that Kaiah is interested, more youth will become interested. Discussion turned to ways to interest more youth by using assemblies and having so many youth from each high school class. Mayor Stronks asked if Kaiah would be interested in attending the Association of Idaho Cities Conference in June. Kaiah said she would. City Clerk Stegelmeier will work with Kaiah to get the details worked out. Mayor Stronks thanked Kaiah for her time.

B. Chamber of Commerce – Linda Janssen, Greer Gurganus

Greer came to give the Council an update of what Habitat for Humanity has been working on in Ashton. They have completed a survey and gave the Council a summary of the responses. There were no surprises for the Council in that the biggest issues for citizens included feral cats and dogs on the loose. Some interesting information was the safety felt by citizens along with the feeling of community that many feel. Greer also wanted to make an announcement to the Council concerning what projects have been approved. The first is a home repair at the Vega home on Pine Street. The new construction planned will be for the Rogers and the Randall families. Things are starting to roll now that the winter is over. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her interest in helping when volunteers are needed for construction. Greer asked that the Council let any contractors know what is going on if they thought they would be interested in volunteering. Mayor Stronks said he would give Greer a contractor contact list. Councilman Rankin asked if there was clean up work that Habitat would do. Greer explained that exterior work qualifies but that the person has to apply for assistance.

C. Street Discussion – Mayor Stronks, City Clerk Stegelmeier

Mayor Stronks explained that crack sealing will begin as soon as possible but the chip seal will be in August. The streets are getting fixed this year.

D. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over scheduling with the Council. A mode of transportation was discussed for the parade. Mayor Stronks would like to ride horses. Councilman Rankin expressed interest in riding go-carts. City Clerk Stegelmeier will check on both.

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

Mayor Stronks asked if anyone had a question or input on the meeting. Matt Eichner introduced himself and explained that he will be the Standard Journal reporter for our area. Mayor Stronks welcomed him to Ashton.

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.

Advise Legal Counsel, Personnel

Councilman Pincock made a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. Mayor Stronks called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to exit executive session. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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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, June 12, 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