

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

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: Brett Pincock**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Becky Harrigfeld**

**Present:** Mayor Stronks, Councilman Atchley, Councilwoman Hansen, Councilman Pincock, and Councilwoman Harrigfeld.

**Also Present:** City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Tom Howell, Doug Hess and Evan Corriere.

**Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.**  
**Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

### 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 7-9-14, Special Council Meeting 7-23-14.
- 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. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

- A. Museum and Hess Leases – City Attorney Lookabaugh, City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Attorney Lookabaugh explained that she had discussed the lease terms with City Clerk Stegelmeier but still had some questions for the City Council. A lease amount for the old city building was discussed. The Council directed City Attorney Lookabaugh to set the fee at \$1 per month. Insurance was discussed and City Clerk Stegelmeier was directed to find out what insurance would be required. City Attorney Lookabaugh was then also directed to make the term an 18 month term to start, all improvements and utilities be paid by tenant, the roof repairs done by tenant and that everything would revert to the city in case of an ending to the museum. The Mayor and Council expressed their goal of giving the museum a good chance to make a go of keeping a museum going.

City Attorney Lookabaugh then inquired concerning the Hess lease. Councilwoman Hansen asked Mayor Stronks how it happened that the City placed the Dog Pound on private property. Mayor Stronks explained that he didn't remember the particulars – only that the City did not own property that was in an area that would be more industrial. The Hesses were willing to lease the ground in exchange for the cost of water and sewer service. City Attorney Lookabaugh said she would get the amount of lease payments from City Clerk Stegelmeier. She will make the lease an annually reoccurring lease.

- B. Budget FY2015 – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier brought the information on raise in the cost of the employee's health insurance to the Council. The Council discussed the raise and directed City Clerk Stegelmeier that

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the employees would again be asked to pay for the raise in insurance costs. City Clerk Stegelmeier had also brought the bid for installation of a drain on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street near the laundry mat to the Council. The Council asked that City Clerk Stegelmeier include the drain as part of the budget.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to publish notice for the City's budget hearing to be held on August 27th. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:**

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

- A. Lot Split – P & Z Administrator Baker, Joseph Corbett  
Joseph Corbett had called to explain that he is reconsidering his petition.
- B. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the next month's schedule with the Council.

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

### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, September 10, 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:

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor