

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

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: Stacey Dexter**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Brett Pincock**

**Present:** Mayor Stronks, Councilman Dexter, Councilwoman Hansen, Councilman Pincock (telephonically) and Councilman Rankin.

**Also Present:** City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, City Attorney Lookabaugh, and Trent Phelps.

**Mayor Stronks called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

### 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 8-14-13, Special Meeting Minutes 8-20-13 & 8-28-13.
- 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 Dexter made a motion to accept consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hansen 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. Nuisance Abatement – City Attorney Lookabaugh

The Council discussed the letter. City Attorney Lookabaugh explained that a copy of a list of those who can help the recipients abate their nuisances would be included and available upon request. She then explained that the recipients would need to make an effort and could be working on items instead of citing. If a recipient is totally non-responsive the City will need cite them. A recipient cannot just say they cannot do it right now; they need to make an effort. The City crosses a line if nuisances aren't abated. Councilman Dexter explained that he is glad this project is in the works because it was something he wanted to do on the Council but the water project got in the way. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her concern about the time limits given. City Attorney Lookabaugh explained that as long as they are working towards fixing the problem, time can be extended. The Council made the decision to have the letter written with just 'The City of Ashton' as a salutation in an effort to reduce complaints at the Mayor's place of business. This will be a worthy but hard cause.

Mayor Stronks excused Councilman Pincock as Councilman Rankin is now present to constitute a quorum.

- B. Customer Payment Help – City Clerk Stegelmeier  
City Clerk Stegelmeier did not have a document ready for review.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Mosquito Abatement – Councilwoman Hansen

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Councilman Hansen will have material for the Council next month.

B. Liquor Licenses – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that all the applicants have filled out their information and paid the fee but some have not brought in a copy of the applicable state and county licenses.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the liquor licenses contingent on the applicants getting all information to the City. Councilman Dexter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the next month’s schedule. The meeting in October will have a public hearing for both the Development Code Amendment and the Urban Renewal Plans.

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

Trent Phelps asked about the people who bring put items on someone else’s side of the alleys and what you can do about it. He then asked if the Council was going to get into what color citizen’s paint their homes.

Councilman Rankin explained that there are others who want the ordinances followed and that the Council is trying to do the best for both parties. Trent then explained that he wanted to speak to the Council concerning the RV Park. Mayor Stronks asked that he get on the agenda for next month and bring the property owner with him so that they can discuss the alternatives available to him.

Councilman Dexter made a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. 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 Dexter made a motion to exit executive session. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to begin the process of certifying the RV Park bill to the property owner’s tax notice. Councilman Dexter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**NEXT MEETING**

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

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor