

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 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: Stacey Dexter
PLEDGE LED BY: Brett Pincock

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

Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Carol Jensen, P&Z Administrator Susan Baker, Deputy Clerk Warnke, Tom Howell, Jeff Hamilton, Sean Shuldberg, Bryan Hatton, Jacob Pilgrim and John Scafe.

Mayor Stronks called meeting to order at 7:02 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 2-13-13.
- 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. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:

- A. City of Ashton Ordinance 455-13 – FY2013 Budget Amendment

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 455-13 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Hansen read the ordinance into the record.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to adopt Ashton City Ordinance 455-12. Councilman Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. 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. **Water Project Update** – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Todd Martindale, Del Jensen, Dave Schiess
Councilwoman Hansen talked about the roads and how bad they are. Some gravel will need to be brought in and fixed. There are some really bad sink holes on the sides with fresh mud from the spring runoff. Councilman Dexter agreed that many of the citizens are concerned about the roads. City Clerk Stegelmeier will let Todd and Del know about the problems.
- B. **American Dog Derby** – John Scafe
John thanked the City Council and the city law enforcement for all their help assisting the dog derby.

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He explained that there was a good turnout even with the small amount of snow. He spoke about the committee hoping to get more input from businesses. The 100 year anniversary of the first American Dog Derby is coming up soon. The Council and John spoke about the events this year like the soup challenge. Mayor Stronks thanked John and the Dog Derby Committee for all their hard work.

- C. Sign Ordinance – Mayor Stronks, P&Z Administrator Baker, P&Z Commissioners
Mayor Stronks asked the Council if they had gotten their copies of the sign code. He then asked them to turn in their suggestions. Councilman Dexter explained that he would give more input when the P&Z brings their completed version to the Council. Councilman Rankin was not able to get through the sign code but will bring it to the City Building prior to the P&Z Commission meeting the following week. Mayor Stronks asked Jeff Hamilton and Sean Shuldberg to discuss their concerns with the sign code. Jeff explained that it is too involved and technical. He also believes it has brought control and discipline to the process. Mr. Hamilton would like to change the on-site sign regulations in the code. He thinks the code can be moderated and brought to the middle. Sean Shuldberg explained that the sign they have fits the ordinance but was not at all what was wanted. The limit on height made it so the sign cannot be seen above the snow in the winter. He feels the sign code is too restrictive. Mr. Shuldberg also would like to see the temporary sign code process made easier or even removed. Mayor Stronks explained that he has met with P&Z Commission and they are willing to work with the business. He asked both Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Shuldberg to write down specific changes they would like to see and bring them to the City for the Commission to consider. Administrator Baker explained that they are more than willing to take any suggestions. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her concerns with the ordinance. She then explained that now the ordinance is better understood and administered. Councilwoman Hansen will also get her suggestions to the City for the P&Z meeting. Hansen talked about how strict the ordinance is now. But now the ordinance is being administered and for understanding. Mr. Hamilton expressed his concern that there has been inconsistency in the past in the administration of the code. Councilman Dexter expressed the Council's goal to be more business friendly with the update of the code. Mayor Stronks thanked everyone for their comments.
- D. Old City Building – Mayor Stronks, Tom Howell
Mayor Stronks explained that the county has a shortage for storing records. There is also an interest for history storage. Mayor Stronks went to the commissioners to offer the donation of the Old city Building to them and incorporate a Fremont County Museum. Tom Howell was also there to explain that the County Historic Society would like to be involved. He explained some of the funding that is available. Councilwoman Hansen asked if they were interested. Mayor Stronks explained that Commissioners Baxter and Miller want to see the building. Councilwoman Hansen expressed that she thought it would be a good idea. Councilman Dexter was concerned that it may not be large enough. Mayor Stronks thanked Tom for his time.

Councilman Pincock made a motion we investigate potential of giving the old city building to the County for a museum and storage. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

- A. Emergency Preparedness – Mayor Stronks
Mayor Stronks met with police and other emergency personnel but the meeting was interrupted by a fire in a garbage truck. They started to make a command link. It will start with Mayor Stronks, then the police officers then an information officer. It will then move to general staff, operations, etc. Hopefully it will get more people involved in getting prepared. The phone lines are a concern.

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Councilman Dexter voiced his expectation that emergency preparedness will become more and more important. Councilwoman Hansen expressed a concern for more people becoming certified to help. Mayor Stronks explained that Keith Richey has a lot of the plan prepared and we just need to get it to the community members. Educating the Community will be the largest task.

- B. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council.

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

Robert Comstock explained that the information for the Council meeting was not on the website.

Councilman Dexter made a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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 exit executive session. Councilman Dexter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to designate April 5, 2013 as Jane Daniels Day in the City of Ashton. Councilman Dexter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

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