

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 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: Teresa Hansen**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Teddy Stronks**

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

**Also Present:** City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Deputy Clerk Warnke, Heather Williams, Vic Lowe, Rachel Hatton, Jerry Funke, Micki Funke, Sara Reinke, Bonnie Burlage, Tom Howell, Bernetta Hansen, Judy Smith, Sara Reinke, Paula Toenjes and Del Jensen.

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

### 1. AMEND AGENDA:

A. **NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS: D. Fireworks Permit – City Clerk Stegelmeier**

Councilman Pincock made a motion to accept the Amend Agenda as presented. Councilman Atchley 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 Special Council Meeting Minutes 5-14-14.
- 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. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

### 3. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

A. City of Ashton Resolution 14-01 – Opposing National Monument in Island Park

Councilman Pincock made a motion to adopt Ashton City Ordinance 462-14 and asked the Clerk to have it published. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously

### 4. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

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

A. Old City Building – Tom Howell, Bernetta Hansen, Becky Siddoway

Tom explained that Fremont County Historical Society would like to make a formal proposal to the City Council. Tom had wanted to come to Council earlier in the year but has had some health concerns. The Historical Society is a 501C3. Tom explained that Fremont County is the only county in the State that does not have a museum. The Ashton Archive is recognized as one of the best history repository in the State of Idaho. The Historical Society is interested in using the old city building at 604 Main Street to house the museum. The building has two large bays for display and large windows in front. It also has an ADA restroom and a large conference room. They understand

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that there is a problem with the roof but they would take on the responsibility to fix the roof. They would also probably need the City's assistance with grant applications because many grants like a government entity to partner on them. There is a new museum in Mud Lake and it seems to be doing well. Councilwoman Hansen asked that if this is a county historical society – why isn't the county helping to fund a museum. Tom explained that right now the commissioners are paying to store many items that would come to the museum and he thinks that they will partner with about the same amount as they pay now for storage. Councilman Pincock inquired as to whether the building would have enough room for the collection. Tom explained that there still might need to be some storage. Bernetta Hansen explained that she is hoping that this Council will come up to the plate to preserve our history for future generations. Mayor Stronks thanked Tom and Bernetta.

Rebecca Siddoway owns Forever Blooming which is a floral shop that is currently in the Chocolate Mouse building. She would like to move to another store front here in Ashton to get more room. She had found out that the City owned the building and City Clerk Stegelmeier had let her look at it to see if the building would work for her purpose. She has since spoken with Tom Howell to see if they could house both together but the building is not big enough. Councilman Atchley asked whether she is interested in buying or leasing. Rebecca said she would need to lease for now but would be willing to buy in the future. Rebecca asked if the Council would let her know whether the building is still available. Mayor Stronks thanked Rebecca for her time.

### B. Skate Park – Vic Lowe, Heather Williams

Vic Lowe is here to talk to the City Council concerning the email that the Council directed be sent to her. She first asked that Paula Toenjes be allowed to read a letter from the skate park folks. The letter asked if the Council wrote the email as a consensus. Many of the items on the email were alright but they feel they should go where the funding is and funding for walking paths and tennis courts are not being funded at this time. Councilman Atchley explained that the Council did not write the email because they are against the project. Nothing bad was intended by the email. Councilwoman Harrigfeld explained that there will be hurdles and it might take 3 or 4 or 5 years. Vic explained that people want to see something accomplished and that the skate park folks know what can be funded first. Councilwoman Hansen explained that she was sorry that the email came across as something against their work on the project. Councilman Atchley explained that it would probably not be the last time they would get upset but that they shouldn't think the worst but come to the Council to discuss the problem. Mayor Stronks will call a special meeting to organize the committee as a City committee. Vic explained that they are revising plans again and will be back again with more information for the Council. Mayor Stronks thanked Vic and Paula.

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

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

### A. Reports concerning Skate Park Meeting – P&Z Commission Chairman Bonnie Burlage

Bonnie is here to report about the skate park meeting with the P&Z commission. Bonnie went over the sections of the code that the Commission had gone through in order to give an overview to the City Council as to what would come under the Commissions review. The most crucial item was parking and the Commission is hoping that that would be addressed well in the plan. Other concerns are noise, open space, erosion control and setback requirements. The Commission also expressed some concern about existing items in the park such as the recycling center and the volleyball court and their hopes that they would remain. Councilwoman Hansen expressed that a plan for improvements is doable. Bonnie explained that she is just reporting what the code requires. City Clerk Stegelmeier asked Bonnie for a copy of her report.

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### B. Mosquito Control – Councilwoman Hansen

Councilwoman Hansen said that mosquito season is here. She would like the City to look into mosquito control. She doesn't know what it would cost but she would like to get started in looking into it so that it could be in the budget for next year. Councilwoman Hansen thinks that there would be volunteer who could drive around to spray. The Council discussed it and decided to see what it would cost for next year's budget.

### C. State Highway Crossings – Councilwoman Hansen

Councilwoman Hansen wanted to talk with the Council about the accidents that are happening on Highway 20 and what the City could do about them. Mayor Stronks explained that the Council could write a letter asking the ITD to work on a crossing safety study or something like that.

Councilwoman Hansen said maybe more tickets and patrolling need to be done there also to bring more awareness. She also thought that maybe we could get it in the paper that the City was going to be stricter in patrolling the area. Councilwoman Harrigfeld thought that both options should be tried. Councilman Pincock expressed his opinion that a flashing light would help. The Council will discuss this more later.

### D. Fireworks Permit – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier presented the permit application to the Council and explained that the fee has been paid.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to approve a Fireworks Permit for Dave's Jubilee. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### E. Report on Parks and Budget FY2015 – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier presented the volunteer list to the Council for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display. She then included pictures of the vandalism at the park just for their information. Councilman Atchley inquired about getting cameras at the park. Mayor Stronks said that it would be a budget item that would be discussed. Councilman Pincock is concerned about using caution because of the many citizens on a fixed income. City Clerk Stegelmeier then asked if there were any questions or concerns about the budget information that the Council is looking through. Councilman Pincock asked if the departments had turned in 'wish lists' yet. City Clerk Stegelmeier replied that they had not but have been asked to get them in to her. City Clerk Stegelmeier then wanted to express concern over an illegal road that is over between Walnut Street and Maple Leaf Circle. She expressed her recommendation that that efforts should be made to ensure that illegal use of this property as a road cease. Councilman Atchley asked City Attorney Lookabaugh if she thought the road was a problem. City Attorney Lookabaugh said that it is not.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to approve the volunteer list for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion.

### F. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the Council's tentative schedule with them.

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

Sarah Reinke expressed appreciation for Councilwoman Hansen's comments concerning working together. Sarah and Micki Funke had helped in the 1980's because a City Council had decided that the pool was costing too much. They were able to keep the pool going. She encouraged the City Council to assign a liaison to attend the skate park meetings because communications break down without meetings. She also expressed concern about having negative attitudes toward new ideas and was shown the email that was sent. She felt the email was negative and was very disappointed. Councilwoman Hansen feels that there needs to be mutual respect in working together.

Sheryl Hill wanted to comment on the mosquito spraying. She explained that the tall grass on many vacant lots

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is probably much of the problem and that maybe the City should be encouraging them to manage their property. She also explained that she feels the City should notify residents of when the spraying will occur and what spray is being used in case they are concerned for their health.

Jerry Funke asked if the City Council is going to make sure to get the weeds cleaned up around town. He explained that in the City of Pocatello the citizen gets a notice, then the lot is cleaned up and the citizen is charged for cleaning the lot. He would like to know if the City has a similar ordinance. City Clerk Stegelmeier said that she would get him a copy of it. He is also concerned about the City property. He would like the ordinances enforced.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld is concerned that Taylor construction has not been back to fix the places where the ground has sunk since construction last year. The problem has been there long enough.

Micki Funke wanted to thank the City for having the work camp clean up the City. She loved seeing the street sweeper out and about. Councilman Pincock said that the valve that had broken was quite a repair job and thanked Micki for her patience.

Kevin Harris explained that he thinks the Council should ask for a meeting with the ITD because he has been to areas, like Georgetown, where speed limits have even been changed.

Rachel Hatton asked if the City would have the pool open on August 1<sup>st</sup> for the pool fundraiser in the evening. While on the subject she just wanted to explain that when there is a problem or something that is needed the best thing to do is to help and volunteer to get things done. It seems that everyone wants to complain about what they think needs to happen without helping those who are working towards making things happen.

### **7. 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.

Personnel, Legal Communications

The Mayor had no business for an executive session.

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

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