

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 28, 2016

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**

**In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen, Becky Harrigfeld Jerry Funke and Tadd Atchley.**

**Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, Delray Jensen and Anthony Van Horn**

**Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 6:58 pm.**

Mayor Stronks explained to the Council that Mr. VanHorne has an issue he would like to discuss with them but they would need to amend the agenda to discuss it with him. City Attorney Angell explained that if they want to listen to him now, they could then put it on the agenda at a later meeting for any further discussion or decisions.

**Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to listen to Mr. VanHorne's issue and then discuss it further at a future meeting. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor excused himself as he was the previous owner of Mr. VanHorne's property and his daughter's property is involved in the issue.

Mr. VanHorne brought the Council a bid for work that would solve the issue that he handed out to the Council. He said that the pressure sewer line behind his property needs to be fixed. He believes that there should be a stop valve for each house and three properties. He had had a digline but ended up hitting the sewer line because the line was not in the easement. If the people build on the property there may be a problem with the sewer line – if there is a problem after the fact – if it is built on. It will cost a lot more. There was no information before. No one declared where the line was. Delray & Todd came out and said it was supposed to be in the easement. Councilwoman Hansen explained that when the sewer line was completed for Rachel that the line was put through the lots that now Mr. VanHorne owns. Councilman Funke expressed his opinion that it is up to the developer and the adjacent land owner – not with the City. There was some discussion on whether the line was a City line. In the end, City Clerk Stegelmeier was asked to look into the matter – try to find the City specifications, who put the line in and get the plans. Mr. VanHorne said that he may not be here on the 10<sup>th</sup> but to go ahead and he will check back. It was discussed that it may be a neighbor negotiation instead of a City negotiation. City Attorney Angell explained to Mr. VanHorne that if the discussion was holding up work – just do what they need to do and if the City has have to help pay for it – then it will worth it.

### **1. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**A. 3rd Street Project Update – City Clerk Stegelmeier**

City Clerk Stegelmeier and the Mayor explained that Todd was concerned that the 3 inches of asphalt may not last long – so the plans were changed to allow the change. Councilwoman Hansen says that it can only get better and we might as well do it right. The Council seemed to think the project was going great.

**B. FY2017 Budget Workshop – City Clerk Stegelmeier**

City Clerk Stegelmeier wend over the budget with the City Council. The insurance has raised a bit but City Clerk Stegelmeier was able to fit it in along with a raise for the office staff including a 3%

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across the board raise otherwise. The Council approved tentatively but will discuss it at next month's meeting. The water & sanitation funds are doing well but the sewer fund are tight. Councilman Funke asked what she had in there for contingency. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained how she puts the budget together and that there are extra funds built in for those emergencies that may come along. Councilman Funke also wondered if each department put in for some new items, etc. City Clerk Stegelmeier said that there were no requests from the departments. She has been asking about budget items at the employee meetings for the last couple of months. The Council will look over the budget and be ready to finalize it for publication at the regular City Council meeting on August 9, 2016.

### 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

*I.C. 74-206 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.*

- (a) Consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need.
- (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;
- (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to enter an executive session per Idaho Code section 74-206 (a)(b) & (f). Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stronks excused the audience. The Council entered executive session at 7:04 pm.

Councilwoman Harrigfeld made a motion to exit executive session. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. Roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously

The Council exited executive session at 8:32 pm.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Atchley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 13, 2016, Council Chambers. 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