

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

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: Becky Harrigfeld
PLEDGE LED BY: Tadd Atchley

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

Also in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, Chief Griffel, Delray Jensen, Tom Mattingly, Michelle O'Malley, Rick Paskett, Rachele Cardell, Sheryl Hill and Marvin Fielding.

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 Meeting Minutes 8-9-2017, Special Meeting Minutes 8-30-2017
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted
- E. **Budget Report** – Worksheet showing the revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year to date

Councilman Atchley made a motion that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Councilwoman Harrigfeld 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. Sewer Project Update – Marvin Fielding, Rick Miller

Marvin explained that with the amount of rain we have gotten, not a lot of work is happening out at the site. He is hoping to start the seepage test soon. In the construction meeting, the public works department asked if the new equipment was going to be monitored by a SCADA system like the water treatment plant. That way, if the pivot quits or something like that, the public works department will get an alert on their phones. The costs of adding the SCADA would be approximately \$20,000 for two stations and \$5,000 to upgrade the pivot. Marvin would like to know if the Council would like him to pursue adding this system to the project. Mayor Stronks asked Todd Martindale if it would help. Todd said it would save a lot of time if they could restart it from their phones. Councilman Funke explained that many farmers in the area have that capability and it is a benefit. The Council gave Marvin the go ahead to add a SCADA system to the project. Rick Miller explained that the park grant got submitted and we now just wait for the Dept. of Commerce to let us know the outcome of their decision. He now needs to discuss the public facility community block grant which will be due the Friday before Thanksgiving. It is not uncommon for cities to apply back to back for these grants. The Department of Commerce had been very supportive of the City's application. This grant, along with the funds granted by the Army Corps of Engineers will help us out. Councilwoman Hansen said that all they can tell the City is no. Councilwoman Harrigfeld said that it doesn't hurt to ask. City Clerk Stegelmeier asked if there would be any administrative cost. There will be some added cost but the contract could be amended. Rick explained that the contract amendment could wait until the grant is accepted or denied. Rick explained that a public hearing is

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required and will be held prior to submitting the application. Mayor Stronks thanked them for their time.

B. Tennis Court – Mayor Stronks

Mayor Stronks explained that he wanted to discuss with City Attorney Angell that the Council has talked about the tennis court property issue many times and it needs to put it to rest. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that when the school district gifted the tennis courts to the City they did not survey and there is about 8 feet of the tennis court on a lot that the school district did not deed to the City. The property which the tennis courts encroach upon is owned by Carlos Huerta. There have been some meetings with Carlos but no solution. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that her understanding is that it may have a mortgage or something on it that may preclude him from being able to sell or give the property. City Attorney Angell explained that the trick will be how he holds that property. If another party holds it as a security or if it is in a family trust where everyone has to sign it may be hard to sell or gift. City Attorney Angell will speak to Carlos and get back with the City Council.

3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

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

A. Library Parking – Rachelle Cardell

Rachelle thanked the City again for the donation of the building to the Library District. She explained that they have done some work on the building, the latest being the removal of some asbestos from the basement and some mold from the crawl space. She has come to the City Council to ask if they would consider plowing the parking lot again this winter. In return the City is welcome to use their building free of charge. Councilman Funke asked how many years the City has plowed for them. Rachelle explained it has been 6 years. Councilwoman Hansen explained that the Council had agreed to do it for a while but that now she proposes that the City pull back and let the County plow for them. City Attorney Angell inquired as to who owns the property. Rachelle explained that it is not county owned it is owned by the Fremont County Library District. City Councilman Atchley explained that it would be nice if the County helped out in plowing for the library. Discussion turned to the time limitations and that getting to that lot can be a challenge when there is a large amount of snow, etc. Mayor Stronks asked Todd how long it takes to plow the lot. Todd explained that he has to leave and work Main Street several times in between. Rachelle explained that if the City feels they have done enough, they are willing and able to find someone to plow for them. Councilman Funke explained that it is nice to help it out but that the Council needs to take care first take care of the City responsibilities. Councilman Atchley agrees and would like to let the Library hire someone to help them. Councilwoman Hansen asked Rachelle to check with the County and/or look for a private company and if they still need help, please come back to the City. Rachelle thanked the Mayor and Council for their help. Mayor Stronks thanked Rachelle for her time.

B. 2018 Liquor Licenses – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier presented the 2018 liquor license applications to the City Council. She explained that they were all in order and fees had been received.

Councilman Atchley made motion to approve the 2018 applications for liquor licenses. Councilwoman Harrigfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier

Deed done on the soon.

Councilman Funke explained that the swimming pool roof leaks like a sieve. It is leaking right on the brand new

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boiler. Mayor Stronks said that it seems like all the contractors are busy. The trusses are done and will get here soon. City Clerk Stegelmeier was asked to check on the availability of the work camp on this project.

Councilman Funke said that the weed issue is much better but there are still many abandoned vehicles. Councilwoman Hansen is hoping to find someone who will pay to remove them as an incentive to those needed them removed.

Councilman Funke reported that the Kyle Calhoun boy has completed the bleachers. He would like to send a thank you to him. City Clerk Stegelmeier will send him a card.

City work vehicles seats were discussed. There is a guy in who is working with PMS in Ashton to do upholstery. Maybe he could repair the seats for the City. Councilwoman Hansen suggested that Councilman Funke get a bid so that a decision could be made.

There was some discussion on storm water. The pipe goes out into the 20 acres behind Garz's and then past the lagoon. There will be more discussion at a later meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, October 11, 2017, Council Chambers, Ashton City Building – 714 Main, Ashton.
- ◆ Questions concerning items appearing on these Agendas or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meetings 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