

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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: Teresa Hansen

PLEDGE LED BY: John Kaelberer

In Attendance: Tom Mattingly, Teresa Hansen, Tadd Atchley and John Kaelberer.

Also, in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, P&Z Administrator Bowersox, Chief Griffel, Jeremy Harris, John Scafe, Rachel Hatton, Byron Stutzman and Rick Miller.

Mayor Mattingly welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

1. PUBLIC HEARING:

Each speaker will be given 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council

A. Final Hearing on Grant – Mayor Mattingly

i. Explanation – Rick Miller

Rick Miller explained that this Community Development Block Grant was awarded to the City for Phase II of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. The funding is through the US Department of Housing funded through the Urban Development Act of 1973. He explained that the contractor is 3H Construction who have to date replaced 1200 feet of sewer pipe and 58 manholes. The City has also received funding from the project from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality as well as a grant from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The project is slated for completion the summer of 2020.

ii. Testimony

There were no comments for the hearing.

2. CONSENT AGENDA: **ACTION ITEM**

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 Meeting Minutes 2-12-2020 and Special Meeting Minutes ~~8-28-2019~~

B. Treasurers Report - As Submitted

C. Payables – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures

D. Employee Expenses – As submitted

Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

3. AMEND AGENDA:

Items presented for addition to the agenda following posting. The City Council may amend the agenda to include these items if warranted.

A. 4. PSI Cost Raise – Jeremy Harris, City Clerk Stegelmeier

B. 9. April Fair Housing Proclamation – City Clerk Stegelmeier

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that a Fair Housing Proclamation is a requirement for many grant agencies and so the Mayor does a proclamation each year in April.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to add the PSI Cost Raise and April Fair Housing Proclamation on the agenda at number 4 and number 9 in the Regular Business. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried

Regular Business:

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

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4. **PSI Cost Raise – Jeremy Harris, City Clerk Stegelmeier**

Jeremy explained that Madison County is now going to raise up to \$80/ton so PSI will now be taking the garbage to the Fremont County Landfill. When the costs at Fremont County went up, PSI worked with the City by taking it first to Bonneville County then to Madison County, both of which have raised to the same cost as Fremont County. Now PSI will have to make the final raise to what it would have been had they not taken them to the other landfills. The contract with PSI lasts until 2030. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that this raise will need to have a public hearing as it is almost a 7% raise. The Council asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to set the hearing for next month's meeting.

5. **2021 Budget Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier** **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier included some more budget information in the packet for the Council to consider when budget requests come in at the end of the month.

6. **American Dog Derby 2020 Report – John Scafe** **ACTION ITEM**

John reported that this year's derby was one of the better dog races in the past few years. He wants to give a special thank you to Todd, Brett and Michele (the City's Public Works Department employees). He also wants to give a special thanks to Chief Griffel and Officer Owens for their help. The racers loved Ashton and they had a lot of fun. The timing and snow coincided for everything to go well. Councilman Kaelberer expressed his appreciation for the Dog Derby committee's work. Councilwoman Hansen said it was a good job and is thankful for all the volunteers who help put it on each year.

7. **Railroad Avenue Project – City Clerk Stegelmeier** **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier discussed scheduling a special meeting to discuss this project. Councilman Atchley said that they need some time to think about what they want to do. Maybe we need to talk about the options. Councilwoman Hansen's thought is to change the route of the trucks. Councilman Atchley is concerned that it will never going to change what they are going to do. He is thinking that maybe the City should use the grant to work on upgrading it as a gravel street. Dr. Toenjes will need to be involved in the meeting and possibly Chris Reinke too. City Attorney Angell explained that his concern is that we make sure the property that is improved belongs to the City. Councilman Atchley asked Mayor Mattingly if he would like him to speak to Dr. Toenjes. Mayor Mattingly said that would be a good idea.

8. **Comprehensive Plan Update – P&Z Administrator Bowersox** **ACTION ITEM**

P&Z Administrator Bowersox explained that the last town hall meeting had been held prior to the February City Council meeting. The town hall went well and she has put the posters up here in the Council Chamber if any of the Council would like to add to the items in the lists. The P&Z Commission has scheduled meetings to discuss the town hall meetings but there has not been a quorum. Mayor Mattingly will meet with P&Z Administrator Bowersox tomorrow to discuss the commission/quorum. She is here tonight to ask for the Council's input on the round table meetings that will be scheduled next. The meetings will have actual invitations and specific topics. One thing she will be wanting to do is to get input from ITD for the comprehensive plan. Councilwoman Hansen suggested inviting business leaders first. Other things have been happening such as a sign permit, garage permit and discussing a potential subdivision with a local developer. Hopefully that will grow and build further. Today P&Z Administrator had to issue a stop work order. She will be working with them to come into compliance. She appreciated Chief Griffel's help in calling that to her attention this morning.

9. **April Fair Housing Proclamation – City Clerk Stegelmeier**

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10. **Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier**

City Clerk Stegelmeier went through the schedule with the Council. City Attorney Angell expressed his concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. There may need to be some changes to the schedule – in particular with the pool schedule. He also thinks that there will need to be some special meetings.

11. **Council Discussion** - *Councilmembers will bring items to be discussed with the other Councilmembers & Mayor. No action should be*

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taken on these items as they have not been specifically listed on the agenda.

There was no Council Discussion.

12. 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.

(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. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to enter executive session. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. Mayor Mattingly called a roll call vote: Councilman Atchley, aye; Councilwoman Hansen, aye; and Councilman Kaelberer, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council entered executive session at 7:44 pm.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to exit executive session. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Council exited executive session at 8:02 pm.

13. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ City Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 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

Tom Mattingly
Mayor