

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom
(see Instructions below)

*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.*

Due to the Governor's "Stay-at-Home" Order, physical access to the City Building will not be allowed. Members of the public may attend online by way of Zoom.

Here are the instructions to join the meeting:

1. Go to www.zoom.us
2. On the right-hand side near the top choose 'Join a Meeting'
3. Meeting ID: 598 777 944
4. Meeting Password: 920385

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

PRAYER OFFERED BY: John Kaelberer

In Attendance via Zoom: Tom Mattingly, Teresa Hansen, Tadd Atchley, Jerry Funke and John Kaelberer.

Also, in attendance via Zoom: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, Deputy Clerk Warnke and Sheryl Hill.

Mayor Mattingly welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:59 pm

1. 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 3-11-2020, Emergency Meeting 3-18-2020 & Special Meeting 3-24-2020
- B. **Treasurers Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

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

Regular Business:

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

2. PSI Cost Raise Hearing Date – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that because of the pandemic, specifically the Governor's Stay at Home Order, the public hearing for the raise in the garbage rates was postponed. She is concerned that with our current situation – it would be hard for the public to give public comment. She asked the Council's opinion on whether to set the public hearing for next month's meeting. Councilwoman Hansen asked if it could wait or what will happen because of waiting or if the meeting will have to be put off again. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the City would have to pay \$1200 to \$1500 to make up what is not brought in by the user payments. Mayor Mattingly asked if the City has any way to change how the prices can be changed, etc. Mayor Mattingly is thinking that the City could possibly even let PSI do their own billing and get out of the garbage business. City Attorney Angell was not sure but will look at the contract and get back with the City. Mayor Mattingly would like citizens to know that the reason for the raise is the Fremont County rates, not something the City has done to cause the raise. City Attorney Angell said we may have to

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use Zoom which might be kind of messy. Councilman Funke asked the cost of the new rate. City Clerk Stegelmeier said it would be \$21.72. Councilman Funke asked how much more that is per month. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained it is a \$1.42 cent raise. If we turn it over to them – they could just raise it without the City’s oversight. She reminded the Council that the City has saved the citizens money since the raise at the landfill by having PSI take the garbage to less expensive places. Councilwoman Hansen asked City Clerk Stegelmeier if she would contact PSI and see if they could wait to charge more until we are able to complete the public hearing. Mayor Mattingly asked if the City could recover the money through the stimulus for coronavirus. City Clerk Stegelmeier said she will be asking about that and it is a good idea. Councilman Funke asked City Clerk Stegelmeier if the public notices could include the new rates. City Clerk Stegelmeier said she could put it in the notices.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to set the public hearing for the PSI cost raise for May 13th, 2020. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

3. Set 2021 Budget Hearing Date – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the City needs to set the 2021 budget hearing date and send notice to the County Clerk prior to April 30th. She recommended Wednesday, August 26th, 2020 as the date for the hearing.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to set August 26th, 2020 as the date for the City’s public hearing on the FY2021 budget. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ City Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, May 13th, 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