

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

7:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

*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 COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing will be required which may impact the amount of people able to attend the meeting.

ALSO: Temperature screening will be required.

Please do not attend the meeting if you feel sick or have been around those who have been sick.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

PRAYER OFFERED BY: Tadd Atchley

PLEDGE LED BY: John Kaelberer

In Attendance: Tom Mattingly, Jerry Funke, Tadd Atchley and John Kaelberer.

Warnke

Also, in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, Deputy Clerk Warnke, Michele Smith and Julie Mauer.

Mayor Mattingly welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:00 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 7-8-2020, Special Meeting 8-6-2020
- B. **Treasurers Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

There was a discussion on several of the bills on the payable report. There was a large check for the completion of Phase II of the Wastewater Project, a check for the completion of the repair to the Visitor Center and a few other checks. Clarification was requested from the Council.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Funke 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. **Wastewater Project Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier ACTION**

There is a punch list left on the project and City Clerk Stegelmeier will hold the check until given clarification of completion from the engineers and administrator.

3. **Pool, Visitor Center and Tennis Court Information – City Clerk Stegelmeier ACTION Item**

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Michele Smith is here to discuss the repairs at the swimming pool. Michele reported that step one of project – moving the water heater from the mechanical room to storage closet is done. She explained that the piping from the water heater through the mechanical room and into the bathrooms was confusing. Also, there were no shut off valves in many places and many shut off valves that did not work. Michele had needed to change a wax ring on a toilet and could only shut off the water out at the meter. That work is now complete. The bid in the packet is from Mastercraft Pool and Spa. The

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bid will replace the pump motor and add an additional sand filter in the mechanical room. He will also remove the piping and replace it with new – more streamlined pipe. The goal is to have as few 90-degree changes and the pipe all the same diameter. The goal is to have a more consistent pool. Michele did go down and visit with the public works department in Ammon. The Ammon pool is similar to the Ashton pool. One idea she thought may work here in Ashton is that at Ammon businesses advertise on the fence. It makes for some shade as well as revenue. City Clerk Stegelmeier then explained that the Visitor Center is looking good. She asked if Mayor Mattingly and Councilman Kaelberer would have time to go to the Center with her to check everything out. They decided to meet Friday – Haley Ford will also meet with them. Councilman Atchley asked about the income. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the kiosks work well – there have been some issues with the cash acceptors. The income is close to \$11,000 which is much (almost double) what has been made in the past. There was some talk about water and that the visitors should also pay to fill the tanks on their campers. Also – at the same time – finding a way to have large water users like the State pay for the water used from the hydrants. Discussion went on to an ordinance to make it illegal to use water from the hydrants and then have a way to meter it. The Council will discuss this further in the future.

4. Utility Rate Study – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier and Deputy Clerk Warnke will be working with the Waterworth company next week to begin to form the study to update the rates for both the water and sewer system.

5. FY2021 Budget – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier and the Council went over the budget. City Clerk Stegelmeier showed the Council the changes she had made using their direction. There was discussion on the employee wages, capital outlay and other items. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained her concern that the legal and audit expenditures should not just come out of the General Fund but that water, sewer and garbage should share in those costs. The Mayor and Council agreed. The budget hearing will be held August 26th at 7 pm.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented and post notice. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Funke has heard that there is a company buying up water and sewer utilities. City Clerk Stegelmeier said there has been no inquiries to date at the City of Ashton.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:23 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ City Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, September 9, 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