

# MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

7:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

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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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Due to the Governor’s “Rebound Idaho” order, social distancing will be required which may impact the amount of people able to attend the meeting.

**ALSO:** Temperature screening will be required and attendees will be asked to physical distance.

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

### CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

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

**Also in attendance:** City Clerk Stegelmeier, Dan Adams, Jeremy Pettingill, Curtis Calderwood and Troy Williams.

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

### Regular Business:

*Discussion of the Council and invited agency representatives. Questions or comments from the public may be brought to the representatives or councilmembers after the meeting.*

#### 1. ITD Discussion – ITD representatives

Jeremy Pettingill introduced himself and explained that he is the ITD project manager for the Chester to Ashton project. He came to City Council to give them an update on the project. The plan, as it is right now, is to build a four-lane divided highway with an interchange south of Chester and another at 1000 North (Loosli cut off road). The divided highway will merge just prior to entering the City of Ashton. The stop light project is scheduled for 2023 now and the Ashton to Chester divided highway is slated for starting in 2023 through 2024. Councilman Atchley asked how the homeowners on highway 20 are going to enter the highway. Dan Adams (a consultant for ITD) explained that there will be roads built from some of the homes to a nearby county road but it really just depends on what the homeowner decides to do. Some of the homes will not be there after the highway is complete. The ITD is speaking to the homeowners and finding out their needs, etc. There will be no entrances other than the interchanges allowed. Honestly, those owners on the road see the need and want to cooperate. Councilman Funke asked how much road width they are looking to obtain. Jeremy replied was they are looking for 140 feet from the edge of the asphalt on the west. Councilman Kaelberer said that lower speeds would be a big help. Mayor Mattingly expressed appreciation for the new electronic signs and said that they have really worked to slow traffic. The stop light project was discussed and Councilman Atchley explained that many in Ashton are concerned that the lines at the light will be really long. Jeremy replied that the light should help with the problem as the light is only 2 minutes long. Councilman Funke asked if the speed on HWY 20 could be lowered now to 35 instead of 45. There are several other towns (Tetonia, Driggs) where the speed is lower. They will look into lowering the speed. Jeremy explained that the ITD would like to have a public meeting on the Chester to Ashton project again. Due to COVID-19 they will need to have an outdoor meeting area and asked if the City has a venue. The Mayor explained that the pavilion at the City Park would be a good place to have the meeting. There is a protocol, etc. and the ITD will be trying to keep everyone safe with social distancing, etc. They will call the City Building to reserve the pavilion. Councilman Atchley asked if there could be more speed limit signs

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on HWY 20 and Councilwoman Hansen agreed. Mayor Mattingly thanked them again for the new signs.

### **Council Workshop:**

*Discussion of the Council on particular item. Questions or comments from the public may be brought to the councilmembers after the meeting.*

### **2. FY2021 Budget**

City Clerk Stegelmeier went through the budget with the Mayor & City Council. Budget requests were discussed as well as a look at revenues. There will need to be some work done on water & sewer rates to be able to fund the system. City Clerk Stegelmeier was given some direction on items for the budget but there will still need to be some work/discussion at the July & August meetings in preparation for the City's budget hearing on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

### **NEXT MEETING**

- ◆ City Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 8, 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

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Tom Mattingly  
Mayor