

# MINUTES-CITY OF ASHTON

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (west entrance)

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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**. Any individual who wishes to address the Council on any other subject should plan to speak when **Item 3- Public Comments** is identified by the Mayor. 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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### CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

PRAYER OFFERED BY: Matt Brady

PLEDGE BY: Teddy Stronks

**Present:** Mayor Stronks, Councilman Brady, Councilman Huntsman, Councilman Janssen  
Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, City Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Steve Lookabaugh, Stuart Armstrong, Del Jensen, Delena Stronks, Todd Bossard, Bunsold, Jim

### Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:03 PM

Mayor Stronks excused Councilman Pincock who was injured and is at the VA hospital in Salt Lake City.

### 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 Council Meeting April 11, 2007, Special Council Meetings April 17, 2007 & May 2, 2007
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

Councilman Brady made a motion to accept consent agenda. Councilman Huntsman seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.)

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: The public hearings scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> were discussed. The council will have their sign ordinance hearing at 7 PM followed by a land sale hearing at 8 PM.

### 5. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

### 6. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

- A. **Maple Street Residents – Sewer Line.** Mayor Stronks excused himself because of conflict of interest. Councilwoman Janssen first asked the public works supervisor, Del Jensen, what the problem was. Del explained that there is a 4 inch sewer main in that block that cannot handle the waste for the area. Councilwoman Janssen was confused because she thought it was on the priority list for the sewer construction. Del said it was but that because of budget constraints, the engineer was considering leaving it out of the project. Councilman Brady wanted a clarification- is this part of the old system? Yes. Councilman Huntsman suggested a council vote. Councilwoman Janssen then called on Todd Bossard who told the council about the many problems that he has each year. He feels like he is paying for a service that he is not receiving. There are many residents in the area paying for this service who deserve to get what they are paying for. City Attorney Lookabaugh expressed that it is a health and safety issue and that the council had no choice.

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Councilman Brady made a motion to put this sewer line back in the construction plans. Councilman Huntsman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Jean Hansen – Visitor Center. Councilman Huntsman gave the report in Jean's place this evening. Jean has been working with Tom Howell to donate part of the sign across the street from the Visitor Center. The potato growers will let us use the sign as long as it reads something about seed potatoes. Jean is also working closely with the Ashton Chamber of Commerce. She also wanted to know if she could have permission to give parks pass to guest hosts. The council agreed that there was no need for motion. The Visitor Center will open May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

### 7. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

A. Fall River Construction & Quality Electric – Cost Overrun. Mayor Stronks told the council about bids he received from Ard's (\$1500) and Glass Crafters (\$2200). When he asked for the bids he asked that they be made on the exact door and that they include labor. The council discussed knowing that a door was in the bid documents. City Attorney Lookabaugh explained to the council that the law requires that a consumer pay fair market value for anything extended without written authorization. Councilman Brady feels that the council should pay \$1500 for the value of the door. The council agrees that the electrical overage is fair as far as it is now. Councilwoman Janssen explained that she felt that electrical update was needed. The city building needed to be brought up to code.

Councilman Brady made a motion pay the Fall River bill with only \$1500 for the door and to consult further with Quality Electric on the remainder of the electrical. Councilman Huntsman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Brad Purcell – Utility Concerns. Mr. Purcell did not come to the meeting. User unit rates were discussed. Discussion then turned to the Fire Station rates again. The council decided that a special meeting might be needed to make a decision on this.

Councilman Huntsman made a motion to table the utility rates discussion. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Cathy Stegelmeier – Cathy read a thank you note from the Grigg family to the council thanking them for the note sent to their son. A list of the swimming pool lifeguards was read to the council. Cathy then asked Del to talk about some needed culverts that Hoffco put in a bid on while they were here in Ashton, Zollinger construction doesn't want to bid. Councilwoman Janssen was concerned with one of the culverts because it is the property owners problem that they did not build up their building pad and put a culvert under their driveway. She wanted Del to make it clear to the Wynn's that this would not solve all their problems.

Councilwoman Jansen made a motion to accept the Hoffco bid. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Del then asked about a culvert on the road to Bowersox's on the field that flooded last winter. The council wanted to ask Hoffco if they can bid on that. We would need to meet with Bill Bowersox on this project in case he doesn't want it. We need to invite Bill to a construction meeting. They might need a 20 inch culvert. Hoffco wants to do a trade with the city for gravel in exchange for raising the manhole covers. The land application of the sewer water was then discussed. Del wanted the council to be aware that he asked the DEQ for an earlier land application date and they gave permission for it. The sewage chlorinator pump at the lagoon went out but when they get it he will be able to start land application. Cathy then asked about the web service and was given the go-ahead to stay with the same service.

Councilman Brady made a motion for Word Up Designs to continue our service. Councilwoman Janssen Seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cathy then asked for a decision on the community center lunch program brought to the council at the last meeting. City Attorney Lookabaugh expressed that the city can use community center for summer lunch program. Ashton Counseling Center is only there by our good graces and can be required to let us help with this project. Councilwoman Janssen explained that we need to help our youth and we need to back this project.

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Councilwoman Janssen made a motion to supply use of the gym and kitchen as an in kind donation and also that we would fix up the kitchen to make inspection. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### 8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE/SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. MYAC Report – Luke Floyd – Luke was not there but the council decided to remind the youth committee about the Sprint program.

### 9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Mayor Stronks – Mayor Stronks explained that the City of Ashton is hosting the upcoming FEAC Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be here in the new council chambers. He wanted to encourage anyone on the council to come. This will be the last meeting until after summer. The LDS Stake Fundraiser last year did fundraiser for a city project and the Mayor wanted the council's opinion on what they would like them to put the funds towards. Mayor Stronks would like to put the money towards the tennis courts. Councilwoman Janssen Linda asked how much was made at the last fundraiser. They made about \$2300 last year. The council members then brought up the planters on Main Street that the tree committee talked about and the Visitor Center could use some more displays, etc. The Mayor will take these options to the LDS church.
- B. Councilwoman Janssen reported that there is a Ashton Chamber of Commerce work session tomorrow night at 7PM. They will be planning their Grand Opening and Independence Day activities.
- C. Mayor Stronks also wanted to make sure the Community Center committee was ready for the meeting with the Library board Friday at 9 AM at the Library. Richard, Matt & Joette will all be there to help the Mayor in lease negotiations with the Library board.

Councilman Janssen made a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. Mayor Stronks called for a roll call vote. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

### 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I.C. 67-2345 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.

Acquisition of Real Property, Personnel

Councilman Brady made a motion to exit executive session. Councilman Huntsman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### 11. Adjournment

Councilman Brady made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Janssen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

### NEXT MEETING

- ♦ Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 13, 2007 Council Chambers. Questions concerning items appearing on this Agenda or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meeting should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk or call 208-652-3987.