

# **MINUTES - CITY OF ASHTON** **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 11, 2006 - 7:00 PM**  
**ASHTON CITY HALL**  
**714 MAIN STREET, ASHTON, IDAHO**

**PRAYER OFFERED BY: Teddy Stronks**

**PRESENT:** Teddy Stronks, Mayor; Linda Janssen, Council President; Jerry Funke; Brett Pincock; Richard Huntsman; Councilman elect Matthew Brady; Penny Stanford- City Attorney and Joni Amen- City Clerk;

**ALSO PRESENT:** Christine Scott- Standard Journal, Mr. Grider- NF Highschool

Mayor Stronks welcomed every one and asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

## **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** –Regular Council Meeting Dec 14, 2005
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**- As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills from City expenditures As Submitted
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

**Motion by Janssen, seconded by Funke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**ROLL CALL: Huntsman Y; Janssen Y; Pincock Y; Funke Y Motion carried.**

## **2. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Jerry thanked everyone for the past 2 years. He commented that he would like to see the city purchase the property at the tennis courts and around the Pavilion for the City Parks. He has talked to Dan Kirkham who is interested in fixing the tennis courts up for the community. Jerry also committed to work on the city water rights. The Mayor told Jerry how much we will miss him- and commented that there is still a lot of work that he will be called on to help with.

*Close this portion of the meeting after all old business finished.*

## **3. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. City Clerk, Joni Amen and the new councilmen went to the front for the swearing in ceremony. Matthew Brady and Richard Huntsman took the oath of office and became new council members; their terms expire in 2009, respectively.
- B. The council elected Linda Janssen as President.
- C. Mayor Stronks led a discussion of roles of Mayor/Council and then reported on the changes that the city will be doing in the structure of the council duties. We will form committees including a Finance, Personnel, Public Works, Public Safety, Parks and Rec, and Special Funds Committees.
  - i. Teddy assigned himself as Chair over each committee.
  - ii. The Clerk (Joni Amen) and Council President (Linda Janssen) will serve on the Finance and Personnel Committees.
  - iii. Brett Pincock and Dick Huntsman will be on the Public Works.
  - iv. Matt Brady and Brett Pincock on Public Safety.
  - v. Dick Huntsman and Brett Pincock on Parks and Rec.
  - vi. Matt Brady and Dick Huntsman on Special Funds (Visitor Center, Community Center & Rental Properties).
  - vii. Mayor Stronks asked if there were any comments- Linda stated that she would be willing to help with the public works dept if needed since she has been over water/sewer for the past 4 years. Teddy asked that if there were any personnel issues that the council directs them to him. Decisions will still be made during the

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regular council considering the recommendations of these committees.

**D. Mayor's report on City activities for 2005 attached to minutes.**

- i. **Jerry Funke** stated that he felt one of Teddy's goals of having a Youth Council should be followed through with. Teddy then asked Mr. Grider, N.F. Gov. & Art Teacher, to comment. He reported that he has spoken with several students (Jrs. & Srs.) and that he has received positive feedback on the idea. There is a lot going on right now though so he said to wait a while till the students aren't quite so busy.

**E. Mayor's report on transportation** – Teddy attended a meeting at Grand Targhee with TRIPTA and CART members. Dave Ogden with ECIPDA and CART stated that CART will have a bus housed at the City Building and hire a driver. So Ashton's public transportation looks promising!

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

- i. **Jerry Funke** also commented that he would like to make sure we do employee evaluations. Mayor Stronks told him that we do this on a semi-annual basis.

**5. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. **Linda Janssen** and **Jerry Funke** explained what the corridor management plan was all about with a very detailed presentation. Linda then asked for consideration in adopting the resolution for the Mesa Falls Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan-2005 and for the council to sign a letter of support

**Motion to adopt Mesa Falls Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan resolution 06-01, made by Brady, seconded by Pincock. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:**

- A. **Larry Housley**- Presentation/Proposal on grinder pumps. Mr. Housley wasn't present so Teddy explained that he can be competitive in pricing these pumps- he is local. Bryan and Rachel Hatton already have had a frozen pump and he helped them. Teddy asked that the council would consider using his services in the future.
- B. **Brad Adams**- Fund raiser opportunity – Mr. Adams wasn't present so Teddy explained that it is a picture archives and he will cover the cost of becoming a distributor. This is a really neat opportunity and there would be no cost for the city... this will be tabled till we can have Brad here to better explain.
- C. **Kurt Hibbard**- Comprehensive Plan Proposal- Kurt explained that he has helped other cities with their comp plans. He is offering his services including surveys and public information gathering– Linda stated that we have a comp plan already. Kurt explained that he can help update it and check our ordinances and policies. Kurt will just build on what we already have and not throw anything out. He will work with the city on his compensation and understands budgeting processes and can contract out a few years if needed. Teddy said that we will mull this over and get back with him. Kurt asked that we have a work meeting and lay out the timetables if we decide to go ahead with this.

**7. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **Bryan Hatton** –IT Report- Bryan will be helping with computer support for the city. The Police Dept wants to have capability to capture still frames from video. He will also help with inventory and setting up our system the very best way possible. Penny was asked if this is a problem because he is Teddy's Son-In-Law, and she said as long as there were no other professional services available in town and that Teddy will not make any decisions in payments for him it would be ok. Bryan asked that his compensation be credit to his utility bill. He also stated that he would volunteer most of his work. He would also be happy to step aside if there were anyone else who would want to do this job.

- B. **Todd Martindale** requested consideration of a Blade for the loader-. Council asked that the blade could be included to go along with the lease of the loader, but it is too late to include it with that deal. After further discussion **Janssen moved to purchase the blade and Pincock seconded, all in favor, motion carried.**

- C. Teddy reported that the laminate on the counter tops are coming up in the kitchen at the Community Center and that Ross requested a gate to block the upstairs access. The carpenter that installed the

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counter tops a couple of years ago has left the area so we won't be able to make him come in and fix the problem. Teddy asked Roy Robertson to get a bid to see what it would be to fix the counters. Council agreed.

**Linda moved to have a short break for refreshments and then to go into executive session. Huntsman seconded and by ROLL CALL VOTE: Huntsman Y; Janssen Y; Pincock Y; Brady Y, motion passed unanimously.**

**Kurt Hibbard arrived and Council postponed the executive session to hear his report under 6-c- Pincock making the motion Brady seconding motion passed. Motion then made after his report to re-enter executive session passed unanimously.**

### **8. 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.*

A. Teddy Stronks- Acquisition of real property

### **9. Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn by Brett Pincock, seconded by Matt Brady at 9:35 pm. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joni Amen, City Clerk.

Attest:

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Joni Amen  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor