

MINUTES - CITY OF ASHTON REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 8, 2004 - 7:00 PM
ASHTON CITY HALL
714 MAIN STREET, ASHTON, IDAHO

PRAYER OFFERED BY: Linda Janssen

PRESENT: Mayor -Teddy Stronks, Council Members –Jerry Funke, Richard Huntsman, Linda Janssen; and Brett Pincock

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk- Joni Amen, Public Works- Delray Jensen, Robert Nash, Kevin and Rhonda Bell Casper, and Sheri Poulsen

Motion by Huntsman seconded by Janssen to go out of order until Sheri Poulsen arrived. All concurred.

1. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sheri Poulsen presented the audit report for fiscal year 2004 after explaining that the report isn't bound yet. The City Clerk is writing a Management Discussion and Analysis Report that needs to be included. Sheri reported that the financial position has greatly improved compared to last year. She cautioned the council to continue to watch the budget and keep costs down.

Recommendation to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Parks and Rec. and the Community Center funds to bring the fund balances up to zero was made. The Park fund needs \$20,000 and the Community Center needs \$19,000. The Sewer Fund has a negative cash balance and Sheri recommends transferring \$100,000 from the water fund to alleviate the deficit.

Sheri suggests transferring the cash from the Capital Improvement Fund be transferred to a CD to earn interest until the City needs it.

Pincock moved to make recommended transfers, Huntsman seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

2. 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 November 10, 2004
- B. **Treasurers Report & Financial Statement**– As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

Pincock moved to approve and accept the consent agenda, seconded by Janssen, all in favor by roll call. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE (Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.

5. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Ordinance (415-04) to adopt the 2003 version of the International Building Code. Motion to dispense with the 3 readings and read by title only made by Janssen. Funke noted that he felt it was way too restrictive for small towns. It is State law that municipalities adopt the code by January 1, 2005. Motion seconded by Pincock. 3 in favor, 1 opposed, motion carried. Motion was made to adopt the code by Janssen Debate on whether or not to adopt the new 2003 Building Code was intense. Huntsman seconded the motion. Vote by roll call:

Janssen	Eye
Funke	No
Huntsman	Eye
Pincock	Eye

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Motion carried and Ordinance 415-04 to adopt 2003 version of the International Building Code is approved.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Weldon Reynolds to discuss water meter charges at his rental/old apartment building. *Did not show up.*
- B. Robert Nash – Asked about the possibility of lowering Sewer fees on vacant apartments. Linda explained that our ordinance does not allow us to do this and we can't give them a break at this time.
- C. Rhonda Bell Casper requests time to discuss community service, She reported that the Community Center was too cost prohibitive to do support groups and health fairs that were all put on by volunteers and free to the community. They tried to get the Com. Center earlier and couldn't pay the cost associated. Linda told Rhonda that the Council Room was open for meetings and the City would be happy to let the organizations use it with notice. Also Brett mentioned that if they were to communicate with us- the gym would be available as well. We currently allow the Red Cross to use it for the Blood Drive. The decision is based on case by case situations to offer the C.C. without cost.

7. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Mesa Falls Scenic Byway Advisory Committee Report- Linda Janssen told the Council that all byways are required to have a Corridor Management Plan. The committee needs \$1000. for matching funds for a grant that Garry Young has procured, Linda asked that the City support the Scenic Byway Pincock so moved, seconded by Funke, all in favor. Pincock moved that the city also donate the \$1000 Funke seconded, all in favor.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. The Council wants to have a logo contest tied in with the Centennial, the City needs an official logo.
- B. Mayor Stronks reported that the staff had a good employee meeting. He reported that Christine is working on a grant for a street sweeper which is very complicated and we need historical data that tells a pm10 problem in the city. Pincock said that we probably don't have the data needed to qualify for this grant because we have to prove that air quality could be improved by the new street sweeper. Council in the meantime would like to have the streets cleaned by contract.
- C. The employees have requested a bucket truck be put in the plan in the future.
- D. Mayor Stronks reported that we were going to have a safety meeting including a CPR Class.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION- NONE

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 to discuss such matters.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pincock, seconded by Janssen that there being no further business, meeting be adjourned at 8:30 P.M., motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joni Amen, City Clerk.

Attest:

Joni Amen
City Clerk/Treasurer

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor