

# MINUTES-CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

6:00 p.m.

714 Main

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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: Brett Pincock

### Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 6:05.

Mayor Stronks explained the MacKay situation. The MacKays have received an offer of \$4000/acre but would like to give the city a chance to meet that offer. Discussion continued on how the City would structure the payments to stay within State statute.

Councilman Brady made a motion to offer the MacKays \$4000/acre to purchase the property. Councilwoman Janssen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

The council then talked about making a down payment and then having each party's attorney meet together to finish up the contract.

Councilman Brady made a motion to offer \$300,000 down. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Stronks welcomed the MacKays to the meeting. He then made the city offer on the property of \$300,000 down and then having our attorney meet with their attorney to write up contact. The MacKays would rather take \$200,000 down – maybe they can take that much if there is a trust. Mr. MacKay said we could work on it and get an agreement. The MacKay's are willing to work it out with the city. Mr. MacKay asked about keeping the portable panels in canal, 10 acre feet of Fremont-Madison water stock that he purchased and the sprinkler pipe. The Mayor and Council agreed. A timetable was discussed and it was decided that we will get the purchase finalized as soon as possible. Then as soon as the MacKays vacate the pasture the city will start work on the improvements. Mayor Stronks told the MacKays how much we appreciate them and their help to the city. He feels that this is a historic moment for both him and Ken after all the years they've talked about this.

### Adjournment:

Councilman Pincock made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Janssen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 2007 7:30 p.m. 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.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest:

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor