

MINUTES-CITY OF ASHTON

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (west entrance)

*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.*

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

PRAYER OFFERED BY: Matt Brady
PLEDGE LED BY: Teddy Stronks

Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Teddy Stronks, Councilwoman Linda Janssen, Councilman Brett Pincock, Councilman Richard Huntsman, Councilman Matt Brady, Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Del Jensen, Rick Paskett, Lance Meccicio, Luke Floyd, Sara Reinke, Shirley Wilkinson and Beth Rankin.

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 September 12, 2007 and Special Meeting October 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

Councilwoman Janssen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

4. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Councilwoman Janssen made a motion to go out of Agenda Order. Councilman Huntsman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Stronks then went to item 6A and asked Lance Meccico to present his materials.

5. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

- A. Jim Harrell – Council questions on water system. Mayor Stronks had asked former Mayor Harrell to explain to us what the council had done during his time in looking for a water source. Mayor Harrell thanked the Mayor and council for their kindness in asking for his assistance. He has not worked on the water system for almost 30 years and hopes he can answer their questions. The Mayor asked Mr. Harrell where the city has drilled before and what was found. Mr. Harrell said that the first well was dug south of corner on 1st Street & Cherry. It was about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way between the corner and the swimming pool. It was drilled in 1976. They drilled through 600 feet-in lava rock. They hit some water at 80 to 100 feet...it was not even enough to wet boots. Then they hit black sand. At the time they were using grant money and ran out of money. The next year, 1977, they received

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another grant. This time they drilled in the ballpark where you can still see a mound of dirt. That well had water at 500 feet but it was only 375 gallons per minute and the city needed 1300 gal to make it feasible. They also blasted to see if they could get flow. They decided to cut their losses and develop the existing wells. They could not do much to improve the south well but the North well was developed further. Old number one was drilled in 30's and you can look down in it and see it flow across into number 2. Mr. Harrell's opinion is that a stream runs through there and we could probably pick it up if we drilled over behind Block 1. Del explained that he has seen what Mr. Harrell is talking about in the well. Councilwoman Janssen asked if a well in that location would impact the existing wells. No one was sure. Del said that the school district had tried to drill over in that area. Councilman Huntsman asked if a video of well one & two would help to make sure how the flow is going. On one was sure. Mayor Stronks thanked Mayor Harrell for coming over and helping us.

6. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Lance Meccico-Sewer Lagoon. Lance represents Envirolagoon which is a product used in our sewer system. Lance brought a report and explained it to the council. The report is an explanation of the current condition of the lagoons, what it will cost to chemically dredge it with envirolagoon and an estimation of a mechanical dredging would cost us. Del & Lance are planning to start the chemical dredging at the end of the month or the fifth of November. They will have the chemical in by the end of January. Linda asked if the cold temperatures would affect the product. Lance explained that the product will work well in winter conditions. Lance also explained that a maintenance program is included with prices. The Mayor thanked Lance for his time.
- B. Del Jensen – House Numbering. Del explained that house numbers are needed for the public workers to be able to find addresses where they need to fix meters etc. It would help to take guesswork out of their jobs. He thought it might be possible to send a message in the in water bill at the end of the month. Cathy told the council that she has been contacted by the county and they are going to send up a list of addresses and try to get them matched up with our addresses. Mayor Stronks said it might be possible to get a grant through Rocky Mountain Power to get the numbers to make it the easiest for the citizens as possible. The easier we make it the more likely it is that they will put out the numbers. Councilman Brady said it would be better for dispatch for fires & police. Del then presented the council the plans for the bunkers for sand. The council and Del decided that it might be better to build the shed back behind the city building instead of over behind the Henry's Fork Foundation building. Councilwoman Janssen asked if this building was budgeted for. Cathy explained that it wasn't, but that she would check if it might be possible to do. It could be important for the street fund, water fund and sewer fund so with all of them sharing the cost, it might work.

Councilwoman Janssen made a motion to go back in order to hear from former Mayor Harrell. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilwoman Janssen made a motion to go out of order and on to staff & committee reports. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- C. Cathy Stegelmeier –City Election Update. There are no write-in candidates as of the time of this meeting. Cathy gave each member of the council their copy of the pay schedule for FY2008. Cathy then explained that at the employee meeting it was asked if the employees could trade the Columbus Day holiday for Christmas Eve. The Mayor and council will consider it. Cathy gave an update on the Wye. There is a problem in the slope. The county engineer thinks that we need more slope than was put on when we had it leveled. Mayor Stronks asked if the slope issue was a condition of the grant. Cathy replied that it wasn't. The Mayor and council directed Cathy to just get the compactor in and get the gravel there for the winter. Cathy asked if it was alright if she set a deadline for agenda items for the Friday prior at noon. The council said to go ahead. Cathy then gave the

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council tentative dates for the Audit and the surplus sale. City Attorney Lookabaugh had submitted some additional reimbursement expenses that Cathy presented to the council.

Councilman Brady made a motion pay the additional expenses as submitted. Councilwoman Janssen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The carpet bid for the Community Center was presented. Mayor Stronks asked that Cathy get an additional bid from Ryan Wynn. The council also directed Cathy that there will be no birthday parties or weddings at the Community Center because of prior problems. Cathy reminded the council of the City Officials Academy next month. The council decided to attend the one held in Pocatello on November 29th. The Council then looked at the City Building Entrance choices and decided on the one with the shed roof.

Councilwoman Janssen made a motion to put construction on the City Building Entrance out to bid. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. STAFF AND COMMITTEE/SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Report – Luke Floyd. Luke was excited to have something to report about MYAC. Mayor Stronks and Councilwoman Janssen attended the latest meeting and brought pizza for a party. There were eight seniors and two freshmen in attendance. Luke is committed to finding more youth for the council. Luke was voted chairman, Melody Chriswell the city council representative and Marianna Clark the secretary. The Committee is hoping to work on recycling at the school and working with the Community Center Committee on a possible teen room at the center. Shirley Wilkinson of the Community Center Committee asked if Luke could set up a time for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee to tour the Community Center. Luke said he would keep in touch and give it a try. Mayor Stronks thanked Luke for his commitment and work on the committee.
- B. Community Center Committee Report – Shirley Wilkinson, Sara Reinke. Shirley presented a list of committee member for approval by the council. Shirley then explained to the Mayor and Council the goals and projects the committee will be working on. The committee had made packets for the council showing the problems and some of the solutions the committee will be working with the city to solve. They want the Community Center to become the core of the community. The Mayor and council thanked them for their time & commitment.

Councilwoman Janssen made motion to officially approve committee with the names presented. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilwoman Janssen made a motion to go back agenda order. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Mayor Stronks – Mayor Stronks asked the council if they would take the information provided by Steve Knapp home and look through it. Steve has been working hard on this project. Mayor Stronks emphasized that our local professional retirees can be utilized for many projects like this. The Mayor also asked the council members to please thank Steve when they see him.

Councilman Janssen made a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

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9. 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

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, November 14, 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.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest:

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor