

# Minutes-CITY OF ASHTON

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 6, 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: Teddy Stronks**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Linda Janssen**

**Present:** Mayor Stronks, Councilman Brady, Councilman Huntsman, Councilman Janssen  
Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, City Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Linda Sheldon, Del Jensen, Dave Jacobsen, Larry Fredericksen, Melissa Trafton, Puck Purcell, Angie Criswell, Luke Floyd,

**Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:02 PM**

**Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone to the meeting this evening.**

### 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 May 9, 2007, Special Council Meetings May 16 & May 24, 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 as submitted. Councilman Janssen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. **New Clock donated by the Stronks Family**

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

### 4. PUBLIC AUCTION:

- A. Property located at 600 Main, Ashton

Councilman Janssen made a motion to accept the bid of \$25,001. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Appendix A of Ordinance 387-A (Sign Code)

Councilman janssen made a motion to accept sordinance. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

- A. Brad Purcell – Ott's Cenntennial. Puck took Brad's place. Going to do it at old school property

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instead. Won't be on Main Street. Catering permit – haven't talked to Tom. Close at midnight. Richard made motion to accept pending Tom's approval. Janssen seconded Roll Call all in favor

B. Holly Chavez – Utility bills

C. Melissa Trafton – Community Center Usage Melissa Trafton be behind an indoor play program. Would fill a need in community. October thru April. Health & Community reasons. No way to meet other moms. Costs would be utility costs. Matts? Asked Joette. Protect the children that come. Senior Volunteer to keep roll, etc? Families look for this. Mayor asked if we could discuss as a council. Janssen – good idea.

D. Dave Jacobsen – Chamber of Commerce- tell about all the new things happening. Been the office for a long time. Volunteer group so none have time to keep it open. Have had the visitor center. 16 years on the chamber. Accomplished a lot as a committee. Chamber serves as a sort of Parks & Rec committee. City has co-cooperation. Helped each other. Newsletter started to get more business. Membership increased. Chamber gained visibility. Chan & Judith Atchley – progressive. Office is a result. Put in a door cleaned it up. Sign is ordered. City & chamber work together to make more viable for business. Office is great step forward. Non summer month. Volunteers are hard to come by. City has graciously allowed use of the office. They will be willing to do contract and insurance. Will have brochure finished soon. 95% complete. Membership has tripled. Don't want the city to get worried. Want to create an income stream eventually to have chamber director. Will take time. The city has been generous. Blend visitor center & chamber office into one. Baby steps. In the last 2 years have made large step. Progressive dinner –Rachael putting together for Tree Committee & Fireworks display.

Fireworks permit – Dave's Jubilee.

Janssen make motion to accept permit. Brady to second motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Garth Taylor – Idaho Parks & Rec, Rails to Trails Information. What is going on. Apply for grant again for rails to trails. Will try to get committee to show them the project. The wye parking are is getting laser leveled and will put out bid for asphalt. ½ mile paved by ashton. Timeline missing construction. Forsgren has done all reviews. ITD – time is running out. New requirements have attached to the program. Relooking at cultural & environmental. Out to bid in August. Fix the trestle. In future – interpretive, kiosks, etc. Had some trails washed out. Development is coming and access for right a way is being sought almost everyday. Very diligent at looking at the access. Keeping the trail safe. Celebration for Hariman 21 of July Teddy asked if there is anything they need on the grant process form the city. Heather will come up and help us and get things done. When start writing will ask for in kind matching, etc.

B. Del Jensen – Water Tower Cleaning Inland Marine called and offered a break on price. 4 years now. If do it now save money. Ladder could add 400 dollars. Present to council and see if want to bump up a year. Janssen asked if it money in the budget. Cathy yes, 8000. Asked if it affects service. Vaccum it all with Scuba divers. Video all of it.

Brady make a motion to Huntsman second. Passed unanimously.

C. Cathy Stegelmeier – Land Appraisal, Growth Management Grant, Fireworks?, Wye Progress, Summer Lunch Program, Fire Suppression Report, Grand Luxe Report, Memo on CDs

Janssen made a motion to move money to bank of Idaho Brady seconded. Motion passed.

### **8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE/SPECIAL REPORTS**

A. MYAC Report – Luke Floyd Mayor welcomed Luke for report. Seniors quit on them. Big idea. Recycling bins at the school. Do cell phones through summer. Beautification never heard from city. Linda asked if we need to do recruiting. Application written up for next year. Talk some who didn't get into student council. If ran properly would be bigger than city council. Get people to fill out positions. Assemblies know. Dan kirkham sent nets sent up. Organize a cleanup. Can have ricky spray. Community center rooms open. Mayor stronks thanked.

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### **9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

A. Mayor Stronks – Water Law meeting was interesting. 70 some lawyers. Felt like in a calculus class. Water is a serious problem in Idaho. Drought is making it more interesting. Valuable resource for Idaho. Municipal water etc. Watering schedule. Del? Start 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Voluntary to begin with. Sewer project - Lines in town will be done in two weeks.

Rod Chandler talked to all of us about insurance. Lots of information. Tell the chamber, etc.

10 minute break

Councilman janssen made a motion to enter exectutive session. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

### **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

Councilman jBrady made a motion to exit exectutive session. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Janssen move to exit. Matt seconded motion passed.

### **11.Adjournment**

### **NEXT MEETING**

Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 11, 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.