

# Minutes-CITY OF ASHTON

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

7:30 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: Linda Janssen**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Richard Huntsman**

**Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:32 PM**

### 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 June 6, 2007, Special Council Meeting June 26, 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 Huntsman noted an error in the minutes. Instead Linda Janssen offering on the bank property, it was Linda Sheldon representing the Bank of Idaho. City Clerk Stegelmeier thanked Councilman Huntsman for the correction.

Councilman Brady made a motion to accept the consent agenda with the above correction. Councilman Pincock 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:

### 5. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

- A. Kathy Fisher – Swimming Pool. As manager, Kathy wanted to express to the council that she hopes they consider raises for the employees at the pool. As the minimum wage rises on the 24<sup>th</sup>, many of the new guards will be making as much as the guards who have been there for a while. She also has received a bid on resurfacing the pool. To fix the tiles that are falling off, she thinks she can possibly get a grant for \$9,000 through Idaho Community Grant. Resurfacing is a \$50,000 fix so that will be something for the future.

Mayor Stronks thanked Kathy for all she does and told her that he and the council would discuss the wage issue.

### 6. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cathy Stegelmeier – Wye Progress, Tree Committee Budget Request, Dead End sign on Highland, Pivots for Sewer Project.

City Clerk Stegelmeier brought pictures of the progress on the Wye parking lot. The Tree Committee had entered a budget request which Cathy presented to the council. There had been a few requests for a

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Dead End sign on Highland which she explained to the council.

Councilwoman Janssen made motion that the city provides a Dead End sign as requested on Highland Street. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Stegelmeier then pointed out a pivot bid received for the council's information. Mayor Stronks thanked Cathy for her information.

B. Melissa Trafton – Play group at Community Center. Melissa has been looking into grants to purchase some of the mats, etc for the play group. Wal-Mart in Rexburg has grants which she feels that they will be willing to give the city. Melissa just needs to make sure with the council that they support the play group and willing to put the city's name with the project. The Mayor and Council all expressed their support and Mayor Stronks thanked Melissa for her work on this project.

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

A. MYAC Report – Luke Floyd

### **8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

A. Mayor Stronks – AIC Conference. Mayor Stronks brought each of the council members the book from the Conference titled The City that I Love. Ashton's pictures and story have a prominent place in the book. Mayor Stronks expressed that the meeting was great with two items being of top concern. One is the Meth problem and one is community involvement. He also said that one of the speakers was the funniest man ever! He then thanked the council and city for the opportunity to attend the meeting and expressed to the council that if possible, more should go so that they could split up the classes.

The Mayor and Council then all reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. They all enjoyed their ride. They also knew that Del enjoyed it. He had a blast and the Council heard it.

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

### **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.

Mayor Stronks had an item he wanted to discuss with the council. Donna Benfield from Rexburg who is in charge of the Dance Festival called and would like to bring some of the dancers to Ashton to meet the local community. They will be here July 31<sup>st</sup> at noon and will dance for 30 to 45 minutes. The Mayor is hoping to close Main Street and make it into a community event. He has spoken to Dave Jacobsen and the Chamber is willing to help. After the event, the Rotary Club will be feeding the dancers at the park. The Mayor asked the council if they would support such an event. The Council expressed their support.

The Mayor also told the council that the memorial bench for Cal Wickam will be here soon and there will be a presentation for it. He is thinking of honoring Jim Harrell's contribution to the city at the same time. The council told him to let them know, and they would help with whatever he needs.

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### **10. Adjournment**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, August 8, 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:

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Cathy Stegelmeier  
City Clerk

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Theo R. Stronks  
Mayor