

# MINUTES-CITY OF ASHTON

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 8, 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: Richard Huntsman**  
**PLEDGE LED BY: Brett Pincock**

Councilwoman Janssen opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Councilwoman Janssen explained that Mayor Stronks has asked to be excused this evening.

**Present: Councilwoman Janssen, Councilman Huntsman, Councilman Pincock, Joette Lookabaugh, Cathy Stegelmeier, Tom Atchley, Meili Allen, Maria Eidam, Paul Wynn, Debbie Wynn, Delray Jensen, and Cathy Koon.**

### 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 July 11, 2007, Special Council Meetings July 11 & 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 Pincock made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Huntsman 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:

- A. Proposed Ordinance #431-07 - Salaries
- B. Proposed Ordinance #432-07 Appropriations - Budget Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Councilman Pincock made a motion direct the City Clerk to publish notice for public hearings on these ordinances. Councilman Huntsman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

Tom was not present at the beginning of new business and so Councilwoman Janssen called on Del Jensen.

- A. Tom Atchley – Community Center – Tom apologized for being late. He is representing the MSLCAT Union. They have been leasing part of the Community Center and now that the Rinas' are moving out, a lease will need to be put in place. City Clerk Stegelmeier provided Tom a copy of the lease for him to look over. Tom asked that there be a white board and chairs (better ones than they've had)

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set up in their new space. Councilwoman Janssen thanked Tom for his time.

- B. Del Jensen – Vac Trailer. Del is asking for a vac trailer for the sewer/water department. The City of St. Anthony's equipment was bought with money from their sewer project (200,000). The trailer is similar to what John Hunter uses when he comes to the city. It has a 300 gal capacity. The cost is \$43,000. Councilman Pincock asked the City Clerk about budget. There is quite a lot left in that fund but that caution was needed because the city is still liable for a fine from the EPA. Council directed Cathy to put on agenda for September to make sure on costs with the EPA fine, etc.
- C. Cathy Koon – Ashton grants, etc. City Clerk Stegelmeier has been asking Cathy about grants for Community Center. Cathy met with City Clerk Stegelmeier & Kit Kamo from the Idaho Department of Commerce earlier in the day. Cathy & Kit went through Community Center and know that there are grants that will be fitting. A lift for the entry is almost a sure bet. Cathy also thinks that using community center as business incubator center will work well. Cathy talked about the community store idea. Councilman Janssen asked about having a town meeting. Cathy said a town meeting is a good idea. A town meeting set up for the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Advertise in Chamber newsletter...flyers, etc. Tell everyone to bring sticky note and a pen. Community Center. Bring ideas and be prepared to volunteer. Cathy and the council agree that we need to be proactive in the community.
- D. Meili Allen – Community Center. The Bishop family is doing a fundraiser for Nini Bishop at the community center. They will be using it from 6 until 10. They are asking for a discount because it is being used for a benefit. Councilman Pincock asked City Clerk Stegelmeier to get a fee schedule for the Community Center rental. City Attorney Lookabaugh said that charitable activities can be discounted but all will need to be treated the same.

Councilman Pincock made a motion for this charitable event receive a cost adjustment to \$10/hour on the gym. Councilman Huntsman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meile Allen asking about young Mother's meeting in the gym at the Community Center.

Councilwoman Janssen directed her to Melissa Trafton who is already working on a preschooler's group at the Center.

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

- A. Paul Wynn – Utility Bill – Paul is here for the third time speaking to the council. Here primarily for charges accruing to property. Paul has visited with Cathy & Teddy on different occasions and would prefer to do so without a courtroom. Paul's business is done, there is nothing there. Water was turned off. Sewer was turned off. He has checked with other cities and they don't charge for services after they are turned off. City building wouldn't take the termination of services call so he called Teddy instead. Teddy said he would take care of it. Paul thinks that should be the end of it. Paul was also wondering what that charge was at the end of July. Councilwoman Janssen explained that City ordinance calls for all property owners to pay a water & sewer fee unless the meter is removed. Paul said that he thought the meter would have been pulled when service discontinued and also that his sewer line is disconnected. It was discussed that more information is needed and all the council present to resolve this question. Del was asked to research Paul's claim that the sewer was disconnected. Councilman Pincock asked Paul if we could carry this to the September meeting. City Clerk Stegelmeier was asked to ask for an extension on the court case.

Councilman Pincock made motion to table this discussion until next month. Councilman Huntsman seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

- B. Cathy Stegelmeier –Cathy told the council about the completion of the leveling at the Wye and talked about the gravel situation. The Library lease is on a temporary continuation pending repairs bathroom, heating system (coal dust and coal film).

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

A. MYAC Report – Luke Floyd – Luke was not present.

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

Councilman Pincock 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 Huntsman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, September 12, 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