

MINUTES-CITY OF ASHTON

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (north 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 9- 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

Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Teddy Stronks, Councilwoman Linda Janssen, Councilman Brett Pincock, Councilman Richard Huntsman, Councilman Matt Brady,

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, City Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Chan Atchley, Letha Whitmore, Jean Hansen, Chan Atchley, Patty Litton, Tom Howell and John Scafe.

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 January 9, 2008
- 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 approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

2. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

Councilman Brady made a motion to go out of agenda order. Councilwoman Janssen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

3. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Henry's Fork Foundation Lease-Stephen Trafton. Steve was not present but he is on the agenda for next month's council meeting.
- B. City Business – Cathy Stegelmeier- Cathy reported that the 90 day Disaster Declaration had been made. The council expressed their concerns about the flooding that could come as the snow melts. Councilman Brady explained that he would like a copy of the city's Emergency Operations manual. Cathy then explained that the Dog Derby Committee hadn't gotten with the city to let us know their plans for the race. Mayor Stronks called on John Scafe with the Dog Derby to tell the council what is happening with the race. John told the council that the race will be on the first two blocks from 4th through 6th. Mr. Hobbs was in charge of working on the state permit and will get a copy of the plan to city. Tom Mattingly was present and he and John discussed the detour. It was decided that the detour would be on Idaho Street as it is wider than Fremont. Traffic will then come back to Main on 7th Street. The building of the track and other help was then requested from the city. Brett asked John if he had talked to Todd or anyone on the city crew about these items. John said he would be meeting up with them at 1:30 the next day. He brought some sale items to show the Council that the committee had taken their request into consideration and put Ashton, Idaho on the items. Mayor Stronks thanked them for their committee's work.

4. STAFF AND COMMITTEE/SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Report – Melodie Chriswell. Melodie was not in attendance.
- B. Community Center Committee Report – Shirley Wilkinson, Sara Reinke. Sara tells us that the race is still on to get the bathrooms finished before the Dog Derby. Sara asked about working out a 70/30 share program with instructors similar to one used by the City of Rexburg. A spinning (cycling) class

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instructor has been interested in using the East Room. As of now, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee has not seemed to show interest. The Community Center Committee is also working with the Chamber on an event call Brunch with the Bunny. It will be on March 22nd. Sara then explained that she had been talking to Patti Litton about a fundraiser that Patti is doing for the grade school. Patti is hoping to have a community bingo fundraiser for a new laminator. The price of the gym is too much as it stands now. Councilwoman Jansen explained that we need to have a fee schedule so that the city treats everyone the same. Sara said the committee would get one finished. Patti was also instrumental in convincing the County Library Committee to match donations with \$2500 to upgrade the front entrance of the Center. Sara then wanted to remind the Council that the committee's night meeting will be next Tuesday the 19th. Mayor Stronks thanked Sara and the committee for their hard work.

Councilwoman Janssen made a motion to let the committee to try the 70/30 share for the Community Center classes 90 days. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

- C. Tree Committee – Letha Whitmore – Letha explained to the council that the committee needs to send in a form to qualify for tree city USA and asked Cathy if she would do that. The committee also wanted to say thank you to the city crew for being so careful with the trees this winter. Leatha wanted to touch base with the council on the flower boxes. City Clerk Stegelmeier had expressed to Leatha that the council had approved the boxes but added that with the new light poles, perhaps the committee would want to wait to get hanging pots instead. After some discussion with the council, it was decided that the hanging pots were preferable. Leatha said she would be happy to help with the ordering when the time came. Mayor Stronks thanked Leatha and the committee for their time and commitment.

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

- D. Chamber Website & Community Calendar – Jake Amen & Jean Hansen. Jake was not present. Jean showed the council the new calendar that was created using the city's \$500 support. Jean explained that the site is easy to search for and the links to our city web site work well. Jean can post anything the city wants her to as soon as she receives it and at some point Jan or Cathy could be given administrative privileges to do it themselves. Chan Atchley was also present and both he and Jean expressed the chamber's appreciation for the council's support. The council expressed their appreciation for the work Jake and the chamber has put into the community calendar.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Councilwoman Janssen – Community Service at the Nativity. On January 11th the girls completed their community service and took down the nativity scene. Councilwoman Janssen was there to monitor their progress. She brought some picture so that they could be posted in the office to show the public that the girls completed the service as requested. Councilwoman Janssen reported that the girls worked hard, the straw bales were heavy and she felt that the service helped them to realize further that what they did was wrong. Councilwoman Janssen was satisfied that the girls fulfilled their service. Mayor Stronks thanked Councilwoman Janssen for taking the time to monitor this project.
- B. Mayor Stronks – City Officials Day at the Legislature. Mayor Stronks reported that this year's day at the legislature was interesting. He feels that it is a privilege to meet with the legislature and other public servants.

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

Councilman Huntsman presented the council with a donation for the Visitor Center from the Veteran's of Foreign War. Mayor Stronks and the rest of the council thanked him and asked him to express thanks to the rest of the Veterans.

Tom Howell came to council to keep the council informed on the Hess Museum. A meeting is needed to get concerned citizens together to talk about the situation. Tom went on to say that there are other collections, the

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St. Anthony Collection and the Sherwood Collection (at the Idaho Museum of Natural History in Pocatello), that could be displayed in the museum. The museum could be the third largest in East Idaho. Mayor Stronks expressed that he and the council would like to see the Museum stay in Ashton. Councilman Brady is concerned about how the operations and maintenance will be funded and whether or not it would support itself after it is started. Mayor Stronks thanked Tom for taking the time to keep the city informed.

Jean Hansen wanted the Mayor and Council to be aware of the display at the Chamber office commemorating the past Dog Derbies.

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

7. 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.

Advise Legal Counsel, Personnel Issues

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 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