

MINUTES-CITY OF ASHTON

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 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 7- 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: Richard Huntsman
PLEDGE LED BY: Linda Janssen

Present: Mayor Stronks, Councilman Brady, Councilman Huntsman, Councilman Janssen, Councilman Pincock.

Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, City Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Lance Meccico, Todd Martindale, Nancy Bergman, Sara Reinke, Barbara Bunsold, Karen Loosli, Michael Loosli, Scott Bowman,

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:03 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 14 and Special Council Meeting June 6, 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

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

2. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- A. City of Ashton Resolution
The Mayor bypassed the resolution.

3. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

- A. Paul Parkinson. Mr. Parkinson did not attend the meeting.
- B. 4th of July – Nancy Bergman or Chan Atchley. Nancy came to council to see what needs to be co-ordinate in preparation for the 4th of July Parade. City Clerk Stegelmeier volunteered to help with the permit for closing the road. She wills co-ordinate it with Chief Mattingly. City Clerk Stegelmeier had also spoken with Rod Chandler about fireworks insurance and asked him to attend the meeting to explain to the Chamber what is needed. Mr. Chandler explained that he researched insurance coverage for a special event and could not find anything that would cover a fireworks display. The Mayor and Council are willing to sponsor the fireworks and all funds will have to be administered by the City Clerk. City Clerk Stegelmeier also needed approval of the volunteers for the firework event. Mr. Chandler then talked with everyone about liability and the ramifications of accidents in a parade, etc. Mr. Chandler recommended that the Chamber then get a special event policy to cover them for the parade and events at the Park. City Clerk Stegelmeier will get some hold harmless agreement forms together to help the Chamber. Mayor Stronks then gave Nancy a lease agreement to review and then get back to the City Clerk with any changes, etc. Mayor Stronks thanked Nancy for her

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time.

Councilwoman Janssen made a motion to accept volunteers for fireworks. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Lagoon Sludge Removal – Lance Meccico. Lance came to explain how the sludge removal went. The product did as promised and dropped the sludge level over the 10 inches promised. There are only inert items left. Mayor Stronks thanked him for time.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE/SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Report – Luke Floyd. Luke was not at the meeting but Councilwoman Janssen had attended the MYAC meeting and reported to the council. The City had provided pizza & soda for a membership drive meeting. Not many students attended and many of the students had the misconception that only junior or senior students could be involved in the committee. Councilwoman Janssen does have a list of students who might be interested and will provide the list to City Clerk Stegelmeier to make invitations, etc to get the group going again.

Councilwoman Janssen then gave a report on the finalization of the community service by the young people who stole the Sheppard from the nativity scene. Three of the four girls have completed their 10 hours of community service. Councilwoman Janssen and Rick Paskett were in charge of keeping the work on task. The first few days it rained and the planned service had to change. They ended up cleaning all the Community Center tables and chairs. They then cleaned heaters and light fixtures in Library. When the weather permitted, they had to dig out the cement from the old Community Center sign holes and fill them in. Councilwoman Janssen took photos of work the girls did. The girls worked well and talked about what they did. Councilwoman Janssen told them that she will be asking them if they are staying out of trouble! Mayor Stronks thanked Councilwoman Janssen for all her time and work to help them complete their community service.

- B. Community Center Committee Report – Sara Reinke. Sara first wanted to ask the council about the painting of the youth room. The Mayor explained that the Honor Society took on responsibility and were to have been supervised by Laura Allen. The Council had asked them to use base color from gym. Sara explained that the base color was not done, there are some places painted brown with polka dots, etc. The committee is concerned about using it for cycling classes. Communications between MYAC and the council are not working well. Councilwoman Janssen told the committee that the council had explained to MYAC that they would have to share use. Councilwoman Janssen then asked Sara when the Community Center Committee is meeting again. Sara then explained that the Rotary will be working on the meeting room upstairs and that there is a possibility of a grant through a group called Thrivent. The committee is trying to identify a new group of volunteers to keep things moving. Sara then thanked the Mayor for his help with the Rotary. Mayor Stronks thanked Sara and the committee for all their work.
- C. City Business – Cathy Stegelmeier. City Clerk Stegelmeier first asked for approval of a fireworks selling permit for Dave's Jubilee. Their fee has been paid. Cathy then told the council that she had asked Todd to be here at council to talk about pipe for land application. Todd has found some pipe to buy and we will need 4 or 5 lines to try and get it the effluent land applied. The pipe will have to be laid out in a solid set because they can't be moved. Discussion was had about the frustration of having to do this when the project should be finished. City Clerk Stegelmeier then asked about charging for water call outs. It was decided that the city would implement a sort of incentive

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program. The first call out for shut off will be free, but if a resident does not then install a shut off valve, the next call out will cost \$55. John Hunter will be here Thursday to go through pipes. Del Jensen came to council to explain that John and he discussed the work and John will go as far as the budget allows. The Hess/Hoffco mess was discussed. Mayor Stronks explained that the Hess' asked for the fill dirt and are responsible for getting it leveled out. Cathy will work on a letter to them. A cat ordinance was discussed, possible limiting the amount of cats per household. Discussion was had about how it would be almost impossible to enforce, etc. Discussion was tabled by the Mayor. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the Kandler house is to be removed soon. There are some metal animals that are possibly being donated to the city. Todd & Del looked at them to see what they thought. It was decided that if they are donated, we will figure out how to make them a feature in the City Park. Councilman Brady asked if we had the maps, etc. that Dick Dyer has completed as our engineer. The city does not have that material. It was decided that we prepare a letter to request copies of the material.

Councilman Brady made a motion to write a letter to the Dyer Group requesting copies of all our maps, etc. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Stronks recognized Scout Troup 59 here at council to learn about local government. The Mayor and City Council appreciate their interest.

Barbara Bunsold came to council in hopes of giving a report of last summer's lunch program. Summer lunch program ran into miscommunications on the project. Former tenet had hard feelings. Barbara felt very badly that they were displacing a program that was doing a good job of feeding the children. It ended in both parties working together. The first week the program provided 120 meals. The second week they provided 265 meals mostly because of the vacation bible school children's attendance. The third week they provided 155 meals. In all 540 meals were served. There were 65 volunteers that assisted with the meals and there were 91.5 hours worked in all. This did not include the committee meetings. Many civic and religious groups helped including the Methodist Church, Zion Lutheran, LDS Stake, Rotary Club and of course the City of Ashton. This spring the committee met and felt like summer lunch was not a viable program at this time. Until more child based activities are provided at the same area there is not enough support for a summer lunch program. In 2 or 3 years the committee will try to work with school program. Pastor Bunsold did want to remind the council, though, that food for families is still a problem in Ashton. Klara Varga has contacted Pastor Bunsold and is interested in starting a food pantry that serves the whole community. Klara is asking that concerned citizens and leaders meet on July 22nd at the Community Center meeting room to work on trying to get a pantry started. Klara feels that many in the community needs a service like this that is non sectarian. Pastor Bunsold then invited the council to participate in celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Ashton Community Methodist Church on July 6th. There will be a communion in the park, a pot luck picnic and a historical display at the church. Mayor Stronks thanked Pastor Bunsold for her report and thanked her for her service.

Mayor Stronks spoke to the council about helping with the breakfast at the Marathon. Patty Litton is asking if the city is willing to give \$500 dollars again for the breakfast.

Councilman Pincock made a motion for the City to donate to the Marathon Breakfast. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Pincock made a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The

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motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Stronks called for a 5 minute recess.

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,

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

Councilman Brady made a motion to put out an advertisement for prequalification for engineering services for the city. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 9, 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