

MINUTES - CITY OF ASHTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 27, 2005 – 2:00 pm
CITY HALL
ASHTON, IDAHO

PRESENT: Mayor Teddy Stronks, Council Members Linda Janssen, Jerry Funke, Brett Pincock, and Richard Huntsman

Also Present: Joni Amen, City Clerk; Terry Butikofer- ECIPDA; Kristy Kantack-Arrowhead Realty; Todd Martindale & Del Jensen- Public Works; Dick Dyer- City Engineer; Craig Thurgood- USDA Rural Dev; and Willie Tuscher-DEQ

Mayor Stronks called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Purpose of the Special Meeting:

1-Wastewater bond work meeting

Terry Butikofer reported on the bond election and the importance of it passing to move on to apply for grants. **Kristy Kantack** then gave an extensive list of possible properties for the land application site. Mr. Dyer asked that it be pared down to the best 4 or 5 and he and Mr. Tuscher would come up and inspect them. They will then, hopefully, through the process of elimination, find a suitable site of not less than 80 acres. We need to find property that is both environmentally and economically suitable.

Dick Dyer also reported that the city will not be able to meet the limits on ammonia before reaching the river. He gave 3 options to consider as a possible solution. 1) A mechanical plant, a cost of millions. 2) A large pond to store for summer irrigation – not discharge to river at all, a cost of \$800,000. 3) A discharge pipeline built to the reservoir, approximate costs of \$350,000. (He gave the factors of 23 for dilution at low flows and believes this would be a safe investment.)

Council agreed that the pipeline to the river is the viable option. The environmental requirements will mandate that this be constructed within the next 5 years.

Mr. Dyer said that he will wrap up the study and wait to see what the election brings.

2-Budget work meeting

Discussion of budget lead to the approval of a loader for the street dept. a new police vehicle, a lawn mower for the parks dept. and to investigate the option of allowing dependants be covered on the city insurance as an added benefit. The Council decided that they would consider paying ½ for dependence if the employee were willing to pay the other ½. The Clerk will set up a meeting with Rudy Ballard to see if the employees would be interested in this option. Council also requested that they have the option to join the Blue Cross Group.

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Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm made by Huntsman and seconded by Janssen, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joni Amen, City Clerk.

Attest:

Joni Amen
City Clerk/Treasurer

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor