

MINUTES - CITY OF ASHTON REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 9, 2006

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (west entrance)

PRAYER OFFERED BY: Linda Janssen

Present: Mayor- Teddy Stronks
Council Members-
Linda Janssen
Matt Brady-arrived at 7:10
Richard Huntsman-arrived at 7:15
Brett Pincock

Also Present: Clerk- Darby Cikaitoga, Joni Amen, Eileen Mockli, Don Chriswell, Rachel Hatton, Robin Fowler, Dan Cossolini, Ralph Davis

Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone and the meeting began at 7:10p.m.

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 12, 2006 and Special Meetings July 24, 2006**
- B. Treasurers Report & Financial Statement– **As Submitted**
- C. Payables – **Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures**
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As Submitted

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Pincock, seconded by Brady, no discussion.
ROLL CALL: Pincock Y, Janssen Y, Brady Y, Huntsman not here, all in favor, motion carried.

2. PRESENTATIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Joni Amen- Mayor Stronks presented a plaque to Joni for all of her hard work and bringing the city so far and told how much we miss her and how much she's helped Darby and continues to do so.

Pool Fund Raiser – Mayor Stronks presented the money raised \$1888.00 total

Thank you Letter from Ortella Clark who is 102 years old.

Tree City Growth Award- Mayor Stronks presented a plaque that was given to the City – very hard award to come by and appreciate the Tree Committee

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Business Licenses – not complete yet, tabled until mtg. in September

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- B. Adopt Ashton's Transportation Plan – working on for the last 2 years – table until Aug. 30th

NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

- A. Sheriff Ralph Davis: Brought three items to the Council. First – DUI emphasis patrol was done and Ashton was part of that – this made it to Washington D.C. and they are happy with outcomes and the sheriff's department is grateful for Tom and Greg's work. Sheriff Davis explained that they do not charge Ashton for dispatch fees as the sheriff's office feels they are in our debt, which brings the second issue: Sheriff Davis is going to write a Memorandum of Understanding that will be asking for a little slice of revenue for citations located within City's authority, as the Sheriff's office does not receive monies from these. This brought the discussion that Ashton may not be getting what it is supposed to be. Sheriff Davis announced that he will be asking Ashton, Island Park, Teton, Newdale that when a county officer writes a State citations within the City's jurisdiction, that the Sheriff's department be able to receive a little share of that revenue. Bonneville County is already doing this. Sheriff Davis' third item is: He offered an apology for the "flap" in the paper over what was said about the 4th of July Celebration in Ashton, The things that were written in the paper were not given in an interview, they were written from what journalist overheard at the County Commissioners meeting. Sheriff Davis explained that he was born in Ashton and wants to support us and that personally, he does have a problem with alcohol. He said he has never seen a situation improve where alcohol has been involved and has seen some nasty situations in which alcohol was related. He and his family had a good time at the concert and that they had a problem towards the end of the concert where some individuals were very drunk and very out of hand and he felt that if the alcohol had been inside it may not have been as it was. It has nothing to do with the community or religion, just life experiences. He said that he did not mean the statements to sound as if he put us down. He also said that he did not reply in newspaper because he did not want to stir the pot.
- Pincock wanted to go on record that the entire week alcohol was available and there was only one incident. We did so well in this and those same individuals from the concert would/could have created the same ruckus inside as out. He feels that it would not have been any different whether the permit had been issued or not.
- Brady stated that it was not unexpected that incidents would arise.
- Janssen pointed out that she was not even aware at the concert that there had been some issues, as many people were unaware. Ms. Amen made a comment that she had heard that with the amount of people that attended in conjunction with the amount of problems that actually occurred, they wished they could have those statistics in other towns on a regular Friday or Saturday night.
- Pincock also stated that he heard that Ott's Place may ask for another permit later down the road and would hope that the Council does not use this incident as a precedent in the decision for another if it comes about.

- B. Approve Tentative FY 2007 Budget.

Janssen moved to accept tentative 2007 budget as last revised, seconded by Brady all in favor, motion carried

- C. Re-schedule September's regular meeting for September 6th instead of the 13th
Due to trainings and traveling – we request that the meeting be rescheduled as stated above.
- D. Discuss committee for comprehensive plan
Pull names from the community review team – Janssen says 5-6 people on the team. Give names to Teddy and he will call and invite them. P&Z interested too. Linda – Darby and/or Jan will be on this committee and Mayor Stronks will attend when his schedule allows it.
- E. Don Chriswell came forward about garbage issues. He stated that today is Wednesday and his garbage is full, but his pick up is on Friday. He says that his restaurant will only fill a 6-yard dumpster and currently he has 2 6-yard dumpsters. The tourists and the contractors will come in the back of his restaurant and dump their garbage. He did say that he does not like to turn away a tourist when they pull in, throw away their trash and then come into the restaurant and eat, but the contractors will not go where they are supposed to and dump and he finds 2x4's, carpet, etc. that has been dumped sometime during the night. Don called Stoney Tucker at PSI and discussed what to do. Stoney suggested putting cameras at cans and then site the person – or lock them at night. He does not want to purchase another dumpster at the prices they are at. It is illegal to dump into someone else's dumpster – this is called theft of service. Stoney spoke to Don about splitting – bringing in a can on Memorial Day, and taking it out on Labor Day. The only problem is that, the more cans, the more trash.

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Janssen inquired about the location of the bin. It is in the alley behind his restaurant.

The same problem has been noticed at Jackson's, Valleywide, Dave's – etc. Anyone that has a large dumpster is getting hit. We could possibly look into a seasonal rate. As Don only uses half of what he actually pays for in garbage service.

Pincock suggested having the officers patrol – gave Don a “no dumping sticker” to place on his dumpster and we will get some more and pass them out to the businesses with the larger dumpsters.

6. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approve remodeling plans for City Building

The plans were looked at and approved by all. Mayor Stronks has an idea of how he would like the Council Chambers set up – similar to those in Rexburg. Agreed to have a deposit (\$50) on plans to contractor if/when they inquire about the bid. This will be refundable to those who do not get a bid. Put bids starting Monday the 14th. Also need to check on a Public Works license – Darby will ask Jon Laux. The bid will close bid on August 29th at 4:00 p.m. Review (opening) bids on the 30th, the time to open will be set at 8:00 p.m. The selected contractor will be notified by mail and reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Brady moved to accept plans for remodel and begin bid process, seconded by Pincock all in favor, motion carried.

7. STAFF AND COMMITTEE/SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Question asked by Matt – where do we stand on the Land Application Field for the wastewater project? Mayor Stronks and Janssen have talked with Dyer and he said he's working on the acquisition – Janssen informed him that we do not use all grant money for the land and then have nothing to fix the system with. It was agreed that Dyer needs to get going on this project as there are people who are wondering what the City is doing.

Pincock suggested getting Highland Street going. We can bid rest of project in the winter may get a better price, but we'll pay more for Highland due to contractors being full of work at this time of year.

Janssen says to press Dyer, and to emphasis again that all the grant money is not for the land.

Mayor Stronks said that he will get with Dyer to find out what is going on and press him on this matter.

It came to attention that Dyer has represented 3 individuals in City developments as well as representing the City.

This should be conflict of interest him representing the City should take a precedent.

Discuss the other engineers who came in a gave a presentation to the City – Forsgren, Scheiss, Nelson.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Stronks reported on the youth session he and Janssen attended last Saturday. The spoke with Mayor Garrett from Caldwell and he gave them items to do to get going on a youth council. Mayor Stronks and Janssen are going to the school and going to get with Principal Risemay on this. Janssen stated that she spoke with Suzanne Hamilton and she was very excited and will support the council in this. She also spoke with Mamie Jorgenson, and they discussed putting it on the agenda for the chamber to present a “Student of the Month” in the newsletter. Mayor Garrett also suggested giving the group it's own name such as “Mayors Youth Action Committee MYAC”. They will choose their own projects and such with one or two adults present just for supervision, but in a whole, they will run this themselves. They will be established enough to offer 2 \$2500 scholarships to seniors.

Pincock motions that there is not enough for youth to do and they have a lot of energy and this would be a good thing for the youth and the council.

Mayor Stronks also stated that Mayor Garrett had cards made up with city logo – and we too should do that. Send to Eagle Scouts, thank you's, etc.

Mayor Stronks presented the plaque idea for the centennial flagpole – to recognize the flag pole and the brick being from the old high school. Asked for “okay” council okayed!!

Janssen reported that we got word yesterday – The City was awarded the grant from Idaho State Parks and Rec. to pave the Wye. Janssen will present to Commissioners for site preparation – and hopefully get everything ready to roll to pave this fall/winter! Letter of recognition for Tamra Cikaitoga for the assistance with this grant and ALL the work she has done and will continue to do. Darby will write – Mayor and Council will sign.

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Mayor Stronks reported that Fred Walters from Idaho Heritage Trust – left a book on restoration activities that they do. Fred, Mayor Stronks, Tom Howell, and Jane, (with maps and such) gave suggestions of what we need to do and apply for Heritage City status and set an ordinance that will encourage business owners to follow certain criteria. Janssen has read the criteria (14) and a city must meet 7 of them - to date we meet 5! They come out in April with the awards and there are only 16 of these in the state.

Motion by Pincock, seconded by Brady, to move into Executive Session, motion carried.

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.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Brady, seconded by Brady, that there being no further business, meeting be adjourned at 8:35 P.M., motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darby Cikaitoga, City Clerk.

Attest:

Darby Cikaitoga
City Clerk/Treasurer

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor