

MINUTES-CITY OF ASHTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 3, 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: Matt Brady

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

Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier, Deputy Clerk Jan Warnke, City Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, City P&Z Administrator Suzette Bollinger, and City Public Works Todd Martindale.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:07 PM. Mayor Stronks asked Councilman Pincock to give the prayer in Councilman Huntsman's absence.

Mayor Stronks welcomed everyone to the meeting this evening.

1. STAFF AND COMMITTEE/SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Sign Ordinance Review – P & Z Administrator Suzette Bollinger and City Attorney Joette Lookabaugh. Mayor Stronks asked City Attorney Lookabaugh to give the council the information on the sign ordinance. Joette started by discussing point by point some of the issues brought up by the citizen committee formed at the Mayor's request. Discussion continued with decisions made to strike Section 4 item E, adding a grandfathering clause to Section 17 item C, on page 38 section 3 item A the wording of 50% will be changed to destroyed and section 9 will be removed altogether. City Attorney Lookabaugh also explained that number 6 in the appendix should be eliminated because of constitutional issues. A Final copy of the revised ordinance will be on the City's website prior to next month's public hearing. Discussion turned to the need for the ordinance and the effort the Planning & Zoning Committee has put into this ordinance. Not only this Committee, but past committees. Councilman Brady inquired about the flag portion and was given the page number to note that 'patriotic' was added.

Councilman Brady made a motion to authorize the changes as discussed to the sign ordinance and then to schedule a public hearing to present the new revisions. Councilman Pincock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

City Attorney Lookabaugh explained that a Public Hearing is required because the Council has made material changes to the last revision of the ordinance. Councilwoman Janssen reminded everyone again about the costs and effort that has been expended.

2. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Sewer Project Bid Opening – Dick Dyer. Mr. Dyer brought copies to the council of a report on the Sewer Project bid opening. He explained the report and then asked if there were any questions. Councilwoman Janssen inquired whether the sewer lagoon seepage testing will be covered under budget. Mr. Dyer then asked the Mayor to sign an easement agreement which is a funding requirement that the work to be done is on property owned or under control of the City. Mr. Dyer

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then asked for official recommendations on the bids.

Councilwoman Janssen made motion to recommend approval to Zollinger Construction's bid subject to agency approval. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilwoman Janssen made motion to recommend Golden West's Valley system over low bid subject to agency approval. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Councilwoman Janssen made to go into executive session. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

4. 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

Councilman Pincock made motion to exit executive session and go back in order. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, September 10, 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.