

January 21, 2010 Special Council Meeting

The Ashby City Council held a Special Council Meeting on January 21, 2010 at Ashby City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Public Works Superintendent position Mayor Thomas Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with council members Carl Ulrich, George Jordan, Ronnie Jaenisch and Lynn Jensen present. Also present was Val Martin – Clerk/Treasurer and Richard Walton, City Attorney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jaenisch moved to approve the agenda. Ulrich seconded. MUC

The Hiring Committee of Jordan, Martin, Grover and Walton reported on the meeting they had with Mike Roers of Minnesota Rural Water. The report was as follows:

- **Hiring Committee Report**

The Committee met with Mike Roers from Rural Water last night. Several items were discussed such as sharing services, hiring People Services, etc. Mike's recommendation would be to hire another full-time public works superintendents for the following reasons: sharing can have issues such as time constraints; with our facility – you need someone here that knows what they are doing and if you hire the right person, they can save the City money in the long run; you need somebody that is available if there was a water or sewer issue. He has been out in the field talking with some guys and feels there is some interest in the job. Tom suggested that we offer them a lot at the new development, free of charge – contingent on them building a house and staying a certain amount of time.

Ulrich moved to advertise and hire a full-time public works superintendent as we have had in the past. Jensen seconded. MCU Ads will run in the Ashby-Dalton Post, MN Rural Water web-site, League of MN Cities website and WSN web-site.

The council discussed the City truck and whether to allow the Public Work Supt. to drive it home. It was decided that if the new person lived in town it would be okay to drive the city vehicle home.

Jensen moved to approve wage scale for the public works superintendent as presented. Jaenisch seconded. MCU

Ulrich moved to approve the ad for the public works position as presented. Jordan seconded. MCU The deadline for applications will be February 26, 2010.

Jaenisch moved to approve the job description as presented. Ulrich seconded. MCU

The council discussed response for the position. Ulrich moved to include a 20 minute response time in the job description. Jaensich seconded. MCU

The point s system and interview questions were presented and council okayed both.

An Open House for Alan will be scheduled the first week in February.

Adjourn 6:30 p.m.

Valerie Martin, Clerk/Treasurer