

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2017

Regular Meeting

A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Tom Grover, Rossum, Robert Grover and Stierlen. Absent: Jaenisch. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Chief Obright, Attorney Walton, Deputy Clerk Helle. Visitor's Present: Alden and Winnie Thompson, George Rosenow. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Approval

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved with one change of moving the discussion regarding the Senior Center from New Business to Visitors.

Senior Citizens Building

George Rosenow was present on behalf of the Senior Citizens and informed the council that the furnace is not working in the Senior Center. There have been two parties look at the furnace. Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, the council approved to have Wayne Stierlen of Eagle Services repair the furnace for approximately \$700. The council agreed to pay for half of the cost of the repair and the Senior Citizens will pay the other half. The work is to be done immediately. Stierlen abstained from the approval as he was the party chosen to complete the repair.

There was some discussion regarding a problem with deteriorating brick in the storage room of the Senior Center. Council tabled the discussion until the Senior Citizens group can have somebody come and look at the problem to determine what needs to be done for repairs.

Minutes/Claims/Consent Agenda

Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of December 8th, 2016, and the claims & prepaid disbursements of January 12th, 2017 as presented.

2017 Council Meeting Date/Time

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to set the 2017 council meeting date and time for the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm at Ashby City Hall.

2017 Appointments

Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to appoint Richard Walton as the City Attorney and Justin Anderson as the Assistant City Attorney for 2017.

Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved to appoint the city's Official Depositories for 2017 as First State Bank, 4M Funds and Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union.

Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to appoint the Ashby/Dalton Post as the Official Newspaper for 2017.

Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to approve the Official City Web-Site as www.ashbbyminnesota.org for 2017.

2017 Commissions

Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the Commissions/Committee Appointments for 2017 as presented.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Grover reported that the Regional Mayor's Meeting was recently hosted in Ashby. There was much discussion regarding issues to take to the legislature. The group discussed the hope that the Local Government Aid can get moved back to where it was in 2009.

Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was reviewed. Schmitz reported that Carlson-Highland would be on-site January 30th – February 1st for the City's annual audit.

Police Report Chief Obright reported that he has been working on snow removal. Calls have been increasing. Mayor Grover, Chief Obright and Chief Deputy Langlie met to discuss the possibility of working with Grant County to assist with PD Patrol in Ashby. No decisions have been finalized. Chief Obright will be on vacation for a week in February and Grant County will cover patrol in Ashby. The Incident Report was reviewed.

Fire Department The Fire Department Reports for November-December were reviewed.

ATV Payment Request Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to pay for the purchase of the ATV when it is delivered as Schmitz verified that the grant funds have been received.

Arrow EMS Report Chad Smith, Arrow EMS Instructor reported that Arrow EMS is transitioning to a new program as a means to renew EMT's. The Ashby Living Center will be having Arrow EMS Education conduct a Heartsaver CPR AED Course. Arrow EMS just celebrated its sixth birthday. In January 2011, Arrow EMS started by instructing its first EMT Refresher for the Ashby Fire/Ambulance Department.

Arrow EMS Training Supply Purchase Request Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the purchase of additional and replacement equipment for the Arrow EMS Program and paid for with funds from the Ambulance Fund. The Ashby Ambulance Department recommended to the council that the Ambulance Department pay for the equipment.

Public Works Report The work order report was reviewed.

Old Business – Ag-District Creation Request Mayor Grover suggested that Stierlen and Jaenisch set up a meeting to sit down with Larry Martinson to discuss Mr. Martinson's request of creating an Ag-District for the ag land that he has within the city limits. The committee will report back to council at the February Council Meeting.

Resolution 2017-01 Sponsoring Agency Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen, **Resolution 2017-01 – Sponsoring Agency Resolution.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Resolution 2017-02 Maintain Facility Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Rossum, **Resolution 2017-02 – Resolution Agreeing to Maintain Facility.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Resolution 2017-03 Donations Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Rossum, **Resolution 2017-03 – Resolution Acknowledging Donations for the Ashby Fire Department and the Ambulance Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Resolution 2017-04 Funds Transfer Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum, **Resolution 2017-04 – Resolution Allowing Transfer of Funds from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Water Debt Service Fund for Bond Payment Obligations.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Pay Equity Report Approval Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the Pay Equity Report as presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor