

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2017

- Regular Meeting** A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: T. Grover, Rossum, Jaenisch, R. Grover and Stierlen. Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, Attorney Walton, and Deputy Clerk Helle. Visitor's Present: Larry Martinson, Donna Jean Grover, Donna Fay Grover, and Heather Thormandson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitor's:
Heather
Thormondson** Heather Thormondson and Donna Fay Grover were present to inform the council of an upcoming event in Ashby. Thormondson has worked with a group that will be bringing an International Quilt Exhibit to the Northstar Retreat Center May 15th – 19th, 2017. The exhibit will be open from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm each day. There will be over 100 pieces displayed. This exhibit will only be shown twice in the state of Minnesota. Once in Morris and this event in Ashby. The Council offered any help that may be needed for this event.
- Century 21 Vista
Contract Renewal** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to renew the contract with Donna Jean Grover, Century 21 Vista for the lots at Country View Estates.
- Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of January 12, 2017 and the claims & prepaid disbursements of February 9, 2017 as presented.
- Rural Taxing
District – Martinson** Councilman Stierlen reported that he and Councilman Jaenisch met with Larry Martinson in regards to the request that the city create a rural taxing district for the Ag Land that is in the city limits. Stierlen also met with County Auditor VanSantan and discussed the process. Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, the council approved to move forward with creating an ordinance to create the Rural Taxing District. The ordinance will include the agreed upon terms that the land will remain in the city limits of Ashby and the tax rate for the specified land will be at the Pelican Lake Township Tax Rate.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed. Schmitz reported that Carlson-Highland re-scheduled the city audit and will now be on-site February 13-15, 2017 for the City's annual audit.
- Police Report** Stierlen and R. Grover met with Chief Obright to discuss the possibility of a part-time contract with Grant County to help alleviate some of the work load in the Police Department. Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved to accept the contract presented by Grant County. The Incident Report was reviewed.
- Fire/Ambulance
Report** The Fire Department and Ambulance Reports for January were reviewed. R. Grover reported that he sat in on three interviews for new Fire Department members. Recommendations will be coming from the Fire Department shortly to add two members to the roster.
- Arrow EMS Report** Chad Smith, Arrow EMS Instructor reported that Arrow EMS Education is in the heart of the EMS instructional season. There are currently three EMT/EMR Renewals taking place. Those three courses are taking place in Ashby, Elbow Lake and Wheaton. All are going well. EMS Educations is planning to have a community CPR Class in mid-March as there have recently been several inquiries from people in the community. The class will be open to anyone. The date and time will be announced once details have been worked through.
- Public Works Report** Johnson reported that the city truck was recently at Nelson Auto for two weeks having a recall repair on the rear axle. Johnson had Hawkins complete a water test to determine if the correct levels of phosphate are being used. The recommended change is to use a different type of phosphate that will assist with softening the water. The cost of the change in phosphate will be the same as the previous product. The work order report was reviewed.

Tire Purchase

Johnson also reported that he has researched new tires for the tractor. He has received a quote from Ashby Equity. The Equity does not add fluid to the tires. It was suggested that Johnson check with Brian's Repair to see if they change fluid in tires. Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved to move forward with purchasing the tires. Johnson will also look into getting a cost for tires on the plow truck as they are starting to deteriorate.

Old Business

The next meeting for the Battle Lake to Ashby Corridor is tentatively scheduled to take place Monday, March 6th in Ashby. Location is to be determined.

New Business

The Fire Department Contract signing is scheduled for February 13th at Ashby City Hall.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization has been scheduled for April 13th, 2017 prior to the Regular meeting of the Ashby City Council. Notice and publication will be forthcoming.

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

ATTEST: _____

Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor