

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 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. Members absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, Assistant Attorney Anderson, and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: Attorney Walton and Chief Obright. Visitor's Present: Winne and Alden Thompson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitor's:
Assistant Attorney –
Justin Anderson** Assistant Attorney, Justin Anderson was present to discuss the process of creating the Rural Taxing District in the city limits of Ashby. Anderson will be drafting the ordinance. Anderson discussed the option of including all Ag property in the ordinance rather than only including one parcel. Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, the council voted to have Anderson move forward with drafting the ordinance for all Ag Land in the city limits of Ashby. A public hearing will be held following the publication of the drafted ordinance.
- Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of February 9, 2017 and the claims & prepaid disbursements of March 9, 2017 as presented.
- Mayor's Report** Mayor Grover reported to the council that he has been approached by the Grant County Sheriff's Office to potentially lease Ashby's Police Squad Car for a short period of time. The option was discussed with no action taken during this portion of the meeting.
- Council Reports** Stierlen reported that he had attended the Newly Elected Official Orientation. Stierlen felt the information was highly valuable. He felt the information provided regarding Open Meeting Law was helpful to him as a newly elected official.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- MidMinnesota FCU
Signer
Authorization** Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved adding Clerk Jackie Schmitz and Fire/Ambulance Department Treasurer Jim Risbrudt as signers on the financial accounts with MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union.
- Police Report** The Incident Report was reviewed. Chief Obright reported that the list of Incident Reports was down for February as he was on vacation and a large portion of time is being spent with a couple of on-going investigations.
- Fire/Ambulance
Report** The Fire Department and Ambulance Reports for February were reviewed.
- New FD Member** Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved the hire of Tyson Langlie as a member of the Ashby Fire Department contingent on passing the background check.
- Arrow EMS Report** Chad Smith, Arrow EMS Instructor reported that Arrow EMS Education is wrapping up the EMT/EMR Renewals for Ashby, Elbow Lake and Wheaton. There is a new course starting in Sunburg that will finish up the third week in March. The Ashby Ambulance/Fire Department will soon have formal training for the use of the medication Naloxone (Narcan), which is a medication that reverses the effects of an Opiod overdose. Having this medication available in the Ambulance tool kit is a lifesaving and positive addition.
- Public Works Report** Johnson recently attended the Water Conference held in St. Cloud.

Johnson reported that he had recently inspected TFC's treatment system. There have been a lot of changes this past year, to include a new screening system, a better piping and flow

system and a new DAF unit. All of these improvements should help lower the numbers that cause strain on the city sewer system. Johnson also reported that the water tower is in need of an exterior cleaning. The work order report was reviewed.

**New Business
Resolution 2017-05
Donations**

Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch, **Resolution 2017-05 – Resolution Acknowledging Donations for the Ashby Ambulance Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, Jaenisch, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Permit Approval

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, the council approved the following permits for Ashby American Legion. Outdoor Permit for May 13th, 2017, Outdoor Dance Permit for July 15th, 2017, and Outdoor Dance Permit for August 12, 2017.

**Humane Society
Contract**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, the council approved the 2017 Contract with the Grant County Humane Society.

Disaster Plan

Council discussed taking steps to ensure there is a plan in place to designate emergency shelters in the event of inclement weather during city-wide functions. It was requested by the council to ask Tina Lindquist, of Grant County Emergency Management, to speak to the council about setting a plan like this in place.

**2017 Grant County
Final Solid Waste
Budget**

The 2017 Final Grant County Solid Waste Budget was reviewed by the council.

Closed Session

Mayor Grover closed the regular meeting to discuss a personnel item. The meeting was then re-opened.

**Police Squad Car
Lease**

Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, the council approved to lease the Ashby Police Squad Car to the Grant County Sheriff's Department on a temporary basis.

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk


Tom Grover, Mayor