

**MINUTES**  
**January Regular Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Amy Johnson, Wayne Stierlen, Scott Ellingson, Carrie Obright and Ron Jaenisch. Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Thormodson, Deputy Clerk Klinkner and Public Works Superintendent Johnson. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Agenda Approval**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Ellingson, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.

**Visitors: Sherriff  
Jon Combs and  
Deputy Sherriff Jen  
Vipond**

Sherriff Combs spoke about the effectiveness of the existing speed signs and replacing the damaged one. The new Law Enforcement Center should be completed in August 2024.

**Public Comment:**

None given.

**Consent Agenda  
Minutes/Claims**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 14th, 2023 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented and reviewed by Jaenisch.

**2024 City Council  
Meeting Days and  
Time**

Council decided to continue holding Regular City Council Meetings on the second Thursday of the month starting at 5:30 p.m. at Ashby City Hall.

**Request Approval  
for 2024**  
**-City Attorney**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Obright and unanimously carried, council approved Justin Anderson to be the City Attorney.

**-Official Depository**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the Official Depository to be Viking Bank in Ashby.

**-Official Newspaper**

Bids were reviewed from the Battle Lake Review and Grant County Herald. Council unanimously decided to keep the Grant County Herald as the official newspaper for 2024.

**-Official Web-site**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Johnson and unanimously carried, council approved to continue with the official Web-site: [www.ashbyminnesota.org](http://www.ashbyminnesota.org)

**-Commission and  
Committee  
Appointments**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the 2024 Commission and Committee Appointments.

**Mayor's Report**

The Mayor spoke about her experience with the Mayor for a Day winner Ava Koep. She also encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Celebration of Service Event scheduled for February 10, 2024 at the Ashby Legion.

**Council Report**

Jaenisch has been in contact with Senator Rasmusson's office about funding opportunities for the city. Stierlen is looking into solutions for repairing the Senior Center. Ellingson is working on possible land acquisition options to assist with the housing need.

**Clerk's Report**

Clerk Thormodson reported that he completed year end financials, decertified T.I.F. District 1-2, submitted the final levy, completed Council Payroll, Ambulance Payroll and began prepping for the 2023 Audit to be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. TFC Poultry will be chipping and hauling brush out of brush site in the next few weeks.

**Public Safety  
-Law Enforcement**

The Grant County Law Enforcement and 2023 Year-End Contracted Hours reports were reviewed.

**-Fire & Ambulance**

The Fire and Ambulance report was reviewed.

**Public Works**

The Annual Sanitary Survey Report for Ashby Public Water System from the Minnesota Department of Health was reviewed. We passed. Public Works Superintendent Johnson has been working on water plant maintenance, year-end reports and he took the Christmas lights down.

**Old Business:**

**-Senior and  
Community Center  
repairs**

More information requested. Discussion tabled till February meeting.

**New Business:**

**\*2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
Solid Waste Report**

The report was reviewed.

**\*2024 Preliminary  
Solid Waste Report**

The Preliminary budget for 2024 solid waste collection for Grant County was reviewed.

**\*West Central  
Initiative FD Grant**

The Ashby Fire Department received a grant for \$1000 for expenses related to the preventing and fighting fires.

**\*4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
Vacation/Comp  
report**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Vacation/Comp report for full-time employees was reviewed.

**Request Approval:  
-Resolution 2024-  
01 Accepting  
Donations to FD**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen - **Resolution 2024-01 Accepting Donations to the Fire Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: Stierlen, Johnson, Jaenisch, Ellingson and Obright. Those voting against: None. Carried. The donations were from Eagle Lake Association (\$500), Larry and Nancy Purdon (\$1000), Evelyn Lang (\$100), Steven and Patricia Quernemoen (\$100) and Second Hand Thrift (\$500). Thank you all for your generous donations.

**\*CVE Covenants**

The city is working with our attorney to define terminology in the covenants to reduce barriers to housing construction in Country View Estates. Justin Anderson will be asked to attend the February Council Meeting.

**February Council  
Meeting**

The next regular City Council Meeting will be on February 8th, 2024 starting at 5:30 pm at Ashby City Hall.

**Adjourn**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Obright and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Thormodson, City Clerk

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Amy Johnson, Mayor