

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 12, 2023**

**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, Ronnie Jaenisch, Wayne Stierlen, Heather Rossum and Scott Ellingson Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Thormodson, Superintendent Johnson, and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Fire Chief Robby Risbrudt and County Commissioner Dwight Walvatne. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Agenda Approval**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

**Visitors:**  
**Fire Chief Risbrudt**

The Fire Department is working on acquiring a new tire truck to replace the 1979 truck that's not big enough to pull the enclosed trailer. They set up a fund in 2006 to assist in covering the expense. The Fire Department is working with the USDA for a low interest loan. Fire contract signing night is Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Fire Department received grant money that they used to purchase new air packs, masks and filling station. Ambulance Department is planning on adding on to the north side of the existing Ambulance garage.

**Request Approval:**  
**2023 Fire**  
**Department Officers**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the 2023 Ashby Fire Department Officers as presented.

**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 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the special council meeting of December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Stierlen.

**2023 Council  
Meeting Date/Time**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to set the 2023 council meeting date and time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm at Ashby City Hall.

**Request Approval**  
**2023**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to appoint Justin Anderson as the City Attorney for 2023.

**-City Attorney**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to appoint the city's Official Depositories for 2023 as Viking Bank and 4M Funds.

**-City Depositories**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to appoint the Grant County Herald as the Official Newspaper for 2023.

**-City Newspaper**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the Official City Web-Site as [www.ashbbyminnesota.org](http://www.ashbbyminnesota.org) for 2023.

**-City Website**

**2023 Commissions  
and Committees**

Mayor Johnson and the council want to invite community members to participate on various committees. Clerk Thormodson will post an invite on the City's Facebook page and on ashbbyminnesota.org asking any interested parties to respond via email ([ashbbycit@prtel.com](mailto:ashbbycit@prtel.com)) no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Committees will be announced at the Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 City Council meeting.

**Clerk's Report**  
**Request Approval:**  
**Add Mayor Johnson**  
**to Bank Accounts**

The clerk's report was reviewed. Thormodson reported that CarlsonSV will be conducting the 2022 Audit beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to add Mayor Johnson to Bank accounts and remove former Mayor Grover.

**Public Safety -  
Law Enforcement  
Report**

Council reviewed the December 2022 log report and the 2022 Year End Contracted Hours report as presented by the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

**Fire/Ambulance  
Department**

The Ambulance and Fire Report was reviewed as presented.

## Public Works

The cause for the large bumps on Larson was a ¼" hole in a supply line. The supply line has been repaired and the street leveled off. Dennis Helle (part-time public works) resigned after 14 years on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Council will work on replacing him. The water plant is having an issue with a filter. A meeting is set up with TFC for Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss wastewater limits. Troy is planning on burning at the brush site within the next couple weeks.

## Old Business:

- **CVE Closing Date** The Country View Estates closing of 11 total lots has been extended through the end of January.
- **Ice Rink Lights** Residents have expressed interest in having lights at the ice rink. There is a light down there that provides some light. Council discussed possible options that could be implemented when the ground thaws.
- **City Snow Plowing Policy** The snow plowing policy and removing excess were discussed. It was decided to have Dwight Walvatne and Robbie Risbrudt work together to haul out excess snow to the undeveloped section of CVE.
- **Request Approval: Purchase New Mower** The attachments (snow blower and broom) for the city mower are 15 years old and in disrepair. Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Ellingson and unanimously carried, council approved the purchase of a new John Deere mower along with a broom and snow blower attachment
- **Old Christmas Lights** Council decided to keep the old Christmas lights and repair them.

## New Business

- **2023 Preliminary Solid Waste Budget** The 2023 Preliminary Solid Waste Budget Report was reviewed as presented.
- **League of MN Cities Dividend** The League of MN Cities Dividend Report was reviewed as presented.
- **Quarter 4 Vacation/Comp Report** The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Vacation/Comp Report for Public Works Supervisor Troy Johnson and Clerk/Treasurer Mike Thormodson were reviewed as presented.

## February City Council Meeting

The next City Council Meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 starting at 5:30 pm at Ashby City Hall

## Adjourn

Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Jaensich and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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

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Amy Johnson, Mayor