

MINUTES
January Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, January 8th, 2026

Regular Meeting

A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Scott Ellingson, Jake Dahle and Ryan Kari. Absent: Wayne Stierlen and Amy Johnson. Also present: Clerk Mike Thormodson, Public Works Superintendent Troy Johnson and agenda visitor Robby Risbrudt. Visitor Mayor Ellingson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda Approval

Upon motion from Dahle, seconded by Kari, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.

Visitors:
Robby Risbrudt

Mr. Risbrudt requested that he be paid for the snow removal that he did during the Thanksgiving storm. He provided images that showed that no snow was removed from November 27th 4:08 am to November 28th 7:05 am in front of the fire hall. Mr. Risbrudt believed that there was enough snow to justify removal. Council asked if Mr. Risbrudt reached out to Public Works before removing the snow and he said no. Council then told Mr. Risbrudt that no payment for services can be made without an agreement in place.

Public Comment:

None given.

Consent Agenda
Minutes/Claims

Upon motion from Kari, seconded by Dahle and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 11th, 2025 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of January 8th, 2026 as presented and reviewed by Kari.

2026 City Council
Meeting Days and
Time

Upon motion from Dahle, seconded by Kari and unanimously carried, 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 2026

-City Attorney

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

-Official Depository

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

-Official Newspaper

Upon motion from Kari, seconded by Dahle and unanimously carried, council approved the Official Newspaper to be the Battle Lake Review/Ashby Post.

-Official Web-site

Upon motion from Dahle, seconded by Kari and unanimously carried, council approved to continue with the official Web-site: www.ashbyminnesota.org

-Commission and
Committee
Appointments

Upon motion from Dahle, seconded by Kari and unanimously carried, council approved to keep the Commission and Committees the same for 2026.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ellingson mentioned the meeting he and Clerk Thormodson had with TFC Poultry concerning the Pretreatment Agreement. Further discussion will be had later during new business.

Council Reports

None given

Administration

The Clerk's report was reviewed.

Public Safety**-Grant County Law Enforcement reports**

The Grant County Law Enforcement Report and Grant County Law Enforcement 2025 Year-End Contracted Hours reports were reviewed.

-Fire/Ambulance Report

The Fire and Ambulance report was reviewed. There were 44 Ambulance Calls (10 in the City) and 1 Fire Calls (1 in the City) in December.

Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Johnson reported that he is working on fixing the mower brush and that there is a broken cable on the tractor. He has also completed multiple year end reports and burned the brush pile. Public Works Superintendent Johnson provided council with pictures from other local fire stations showing the condition of their lots.

Old Business**-Snow Plowing Policy**

The City's Snow Plowing Policy was reviewed. Kari moved to add the following to the City's Snow Plowing Policy, Dahle seconded it and it was unanimously carried.

1. An approved contract is required for payment of services.
2. Residents and Business Owners are responsible for removing snow from their sidewalks. Per City Ordinance 92.01.B
3. A business owner or private property owner that allows the city to deposit snow on a vacant lot they own is eligible to receive a monthly base water and sewer utility credit. The property owner is eligible to receive this \$56 monthly credit as long as the deposited snow remains on the lot.

New Business**-Request Approval Resolution 2026-01 Vacating the Right of Way**

This resolution relates to a previously passed Resolution 2025-12 Authorizing conveyance of any city interest in certain real property to clear title. Dahle moved to approve and it was seconded Kari - Resolution 2026-01 Vacating the Right of Way. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: Dahle, Ellingson and Kari. Those voting against: None. Resolution 2026-01 passed.

-Wastewater Agreement working session with TFC

Mayor Ellingson and Clerk Thormodson recapped the working session they had with TFC on December 30, 2025. TFC requests included some of the following: to have the frequency of their testing reduced, to have a higher daily flow limit and to have their 2025 fines calculated using the new agreement. Council requested that a Public Works meeting be held to discuss what changes the city could agree to in the new pretreatment agreement.

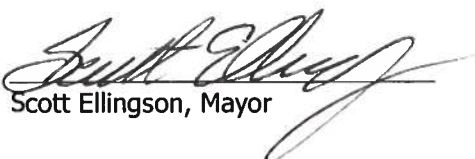
February Council Meeting

The next regular City Council Meeting will be on February 12th, 2026 starting at 5:30 pm at Ashby City Hall.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Dahle, seconded by Kari and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

ATTEST: 
Mike Thormodson, City Clerk


Scott Ellingson, Mayor