

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2020

- Regular Meeting** A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Tom Grover, Heather Rossum, Wayne Stierlen, Carrie Obright and Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Alden and Winnie Thompson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by C. Obright, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitors:
Alden Thompson-
Snow Removal** Alden Thompson was present to discuss concern over the snow removal on the sidewalks on Main Street. A notice was sent to all Main Street Businesses to inform them that the city will do snow removal on the sidewalks on Main Street as a courtesy only. It is the primary responsibility of the property owner, per city ordinance, to use due diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians.
- Snow Parking
Notices** Council requested that the Grant County Sheriff's Department start putting out notices for vehicles that are parked on marked streets during snow events. A notice will be given for the first offense and a citation will be given for a second and continual offenses.
- Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of December 12th, 2019, and the claims and prepaid disbursements of January 9th, 2020 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Stierlen.
- 2020 Council
Meeting Date/Time** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to set the 2020 council meeting date and time for the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm at Ashby City Hall.
- 2020 Appointments** Upon motion by Rossum, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to appoint Justin Anderson as the City Attorney for 2020.
- Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to appoint the city's Official Depositories for 2020 as Viking Bank and 4M Funds.
- Upon motion by Rossum, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to appoint the Ashby/Dalton Post as the Official Newspaper for 2020.
- Upon motion by J. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to approve the Official City Web-Site as www.ashbbyminnesota.org for 2020.
- 2020 Commissions** Upon motion by J. Obright, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the Commissions/Committee Appointments for 2020 as presented.
- Mayor Report** Mayor Grover reported that he was approached by Dwight Walvatne on behalf of the Ashby Legacy Fund Group regarding the possibility of having the Sophomore Class of Ashby High School maintain the skating rink as a work project. Council felt this was a great idea and agreed to allow the class to maintain the skating rink.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed. Schmitz reported that CarlsonSV will be on-site February 10-11 for the City's 2019 audit.
- Approval:
Refund Overpaid
Utility/Taxes -250
Birch Terrace** Upon motion by Rossum, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved for Clerk Schmitz to refund the overpayment of utilities/taxes at 250 Birch Terrace to the USDA and Chad Van Santen.

**Ehlers Long Term
Financial Plan
Proposal**

Council discussed the possibility of having Ehlers prepare a long term financial plan. The proposal from Ehlers resulted in a cost of \$11,500 for the project. Council did not want to move forward with this project at this point due to the cost and that there were no funds budgeted for this expense. The project will be looked at in the future.

**Public Safety -
Law Enforcement
Report**

Council reviewed the log report as presented by the Sheriff's Department.

**Fire/Ambulance
Department**

The Ambulance and Fire Report was reviewed as presented.

Public Works

Superintendent Johnson reported that there was one application received for the meter reading position. The new tractor is in transit and should be arriving soon.

**Approval: New Hire
Meter Reader –
Wanda Haberer**

Upon motion by C. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to hire Wanda Haberer as the new meter reader at a salary of \$75 per month.

**Approval: Final Pay
Estimate-South
Birch Reclamation**

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved the final payment request to Riley Brother's for the South Birch Project in the amount of \$37,203.34.

**New Business
Resolution 2020-01
Donation**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2020-01 Resolution Accepting Donation for the Ambulance Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Adjourn

Upon motion by J. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor