

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 11, 2018

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, Ronnie Jaenisch, Wayne Stierlen and Robert Grover Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, Attorney Walton and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Jeff Kuhn – Widseth, Smith and Nolting. 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.

Visitors:
Jeff Kuhn – WSN

Jeff Kuhn of Widseth, Smith and Nolting was present to discuss the city's current Assessment Policy for reconstruction. Engineer Kuhn, Clerk Schmitz, and Council Member Rossum met with Todd Hagen of Ehlers to discuss the change to the Assessment Policy and Hagen expressed concern of the previous meeting change to the assessment policy due to it limiting the city's ability to utilize specific bonds to finance for larger projects. Some bonds require a certain amount of projects to be assessed. Engineer Kuhn recommended that the city continue to assess on reconstruction projects, which is the same as a rebuild. The City will keep the 30% Assessment for reconstruction projects. Maintenance overlay and reclamation projects will not be assessed. Also, as approved at the previous meeting, curb and gutter will no longer be assessed. Motion by Jaenisch to amend his previous motion from the September 13th, 2018 meeting regarding changes to the Assessment Policy, seconded by Stierlen, and unanimously carried.

**2019 Birch Ave
Reclamation Project
Approval**

Motion by Stierlen, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved to have Jeff Kuhn of Widseth, Smith and Nolting proceed with preparation work on the reclamation project on South Birch Ave for 2019.

**Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of September 13th, 2018, and the claims and prepaid disbursements of October 11th, 2018 as presented and reviewed by Mayor Grover.

Mayor Report

Mayor Grover reported that he will be hosting the Regional Mayor's Meeting in Ashby later in October.

Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was reviewed.

**Public Safety -
Law Enforcement
Report**

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

**Fire/Ambulance
Department**

The Fire/Ambulance Department report was reviewed.

**Ambulance CD
Renewals**

Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved to move any Certificates of Deposit for the Ambulance Department to the Savings account upon maturity to have accessible for the purchase of a new Ambulance in 2019.

**Resolution 2018-16
– Firefighter
Retirement Benefit
Increase**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2018-16 Resolution Opting to Increase the Benefit Level for Firefighters Vested in the Voluntary Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) Retirement Plan.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, Jaenisch, Rossum, Stierlen. Abstained: T. Grover. Those voting against: None. Carried

Public Works

The work order report was reviewed by council. Superintendent Johnson reported that the new Pre-Treatment System at TFC Poultry is working well so far. There are still a lot of complaints regarding the odor that comes from the TFC building. Johnson has completed the

fall hydrant flushing and the water looked good. There are two storm sewer projects and a fire hydrant repair that are waiting for completion before winter.

**New Business
Resolution 2018-15
– Acknowledging
Donations**

Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch - **Resolution 2018-15 Resolution Acknowledging Donation to Ashby Fire Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, Jaenisch, T. Grover, Rossum and Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Approval to Deed
Parcel ID #17-
0029-500 to the
Ashby Elevator**

Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved to deed Parcel ID 17-0029-500 to Ashby Elevator for \$50, which is to pay the cost of the title transfer and state deed tax.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor