

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 12, 2017**

- Regular Meeting** A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: T. Grover, Jaenisch, Rossum, R. Grover and Stierlen. Members absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, Deputy Clerk Helle, and Attorney Walton. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Stewart Crosby – SRF, Patrick Hollister, Jessica Peterson, Val Martin. Larry VanHout – WSN, Darrin Froemming – TFC Poultry, Greg Smedsrud – Club 74 and Winnie and Alden Thompson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented with one addition regarding Birch Ave under Public Safety.
- Visitors:**  
**Stewart Crosby - SRF** Stewart Crosby presented the Ashby to Battle Lake Trail Connection Master Plan to the Council. Val Martin, Patrick Hollister and Jessica Peterson, as members of the committee working towards this connection, were present for answering questions as well. Currently the group is looking at route alternatives with the most logical one being along County Road 47 as that corridor has the most right-of-way. This will connect the Glendalough Trail to the Central Lakes Trail. There could potentially be future development of additional parking in Ashby. Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council showed their support and approval for the trail connection project to continue moving forward.
- Darrin Froemming – TFC Poultry** Darrin Froemming presented the council with a proposal by TFC and Wenk Engineering, along with input from WSN Engineering to place an emergency action of placing aspirator aerators into the City ponds as soon as possible to resolve the existing issues at the City ponds. This solution is anticipated to keep the City in compliance with the discharge limits. Upon motion by Jaenisch, second by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved the temporary solution presented by TFC contingent upon approval from Larry VanHout. Once Wenk Engineering submits a formal letter indicating design and supporting calculations and VanHout approves the plan, a letter will be prepared by WSN and submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency indicating the intentions. TFC Poultry is also working with Wenk Engineering to formulate a permanent solution for wastewater treatment that will occur at TFC Poultry's location in 2018. VanHout emphasized that the city would like to see a plan schedule for the permanent solution as soon as possible.
- Greg Smedsrud – Club 74 Outdoor Liquor Permit** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved the Outdoor Liquor Permit for Club 74 contingent upon approval by the Grant County Sheriff's Department. Club 74 will be having an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Minutes/Claims/Consent Agenda** Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of September 14, 2017 and the claims & prepaid disbursements of October 12, 2017 as presented.
- Grant County Highway Department Payment Request** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the payment request from the Grant County Highway Department in the amount of \$59,312.01 for Storm Sewer and Water project work that was completed for the city.
- Mayor's Report** Mayor Grover suggested that the council take some time to review the city Assessment Policy and look at making some potential changes in the future.
- Council Reports** Rossum informed the council that there may be a party interested in purchasing two lots at Country View Estates. They would like to put earnest money down with a signed purchase agreement and purchase within 24 months. Attorney Walton said this was something that could be done. Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved to accept earnest money for a closing date in 24 months.

**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.

Mayor Grover addressed a Safety Concern regarding parking along North Birch. The street is too narrow for cars to meet along the street if there are any parked vehicles. The council discussed the option of having no-parking along this block. Upon motion by Rossum, seconded by Stierlen, council approved to put no-parking signs on North Birch. Those voting for: Stierlen, Rossum, T. Grover, R. Grover. Those voting against: Jaenisch. Motion Carried.

**Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department report was reviewed.

The Ashby Ambulance reported on the status of Arrow EMS Education since the resignation of Education Coordinator, Chad Smith. Ben Johnson has agreed to be the interim coordinator. Ashby Ambulance is considering purchasing some equipment in the future and will keep in touch with the council and request approval once they have reached that point.

**Public Works Report**

Superintendent Johnson reported to the council that the tires on the Dodge Ram Pick-Up are in need of replacement in the near future. Johnson provided the council with State Bid Quotes on four different tires from Ashby Equity. Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the purchase of the tires for \$1,168 for a set of four tires.

Johnson reported that he started discharging at the ponds. He contacted the MPCA and the discharging will be done at a more controlled rate than normal beings he had to discharge earlier than normal. The discharging process will take longer beings it is more controlled.

**New Business Tax Forfeited Land**

Receipt of Notice from the Grant County Auditor regarding Public Sale of Tax-Forfeited Land located in Ashby. Motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to not assess the special assessments on property ID 17-0180-206 after the sale to Grant County.

**Meeting Closure**

The meeting was closed for the council to discuss pending litigation strategy.

Meeting was re-opened.

**Adjourn**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

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Tom Grover, Mayor