

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2021

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, Ronnie Jaenisch, Wayne Stierlen, Carrie Obright, Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None Visitors Present: Joyce Lacey, Larry Van Hout, Engineer from Widseth, and Donna Jean Grover. Absent: Trent and Darrin Froemming, TFC Poultry. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda Approval

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

Visitors:
Joyce Lacey –
Variance Request
Approval

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously carried, Council approved the variance request made by Joyce Lacey to construct a handicapped accessible ramp on the property at 310 Larson Avenue to allow for accessibility to the residence. The ramp will be constructed outside of the setback requirements.

TFC Poultry Pre-
Treatment
Agreement
Amendment
Requests

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the recommendation by the Public Works Committee to keep the current pre-treatment agreement fine calculations in place January – July 2021. Fine calculations will change temporarily, with an amendment to the Pre-Treatment Agreement, starting August 1st, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Formal written request for the amendments was provided July, 2021.

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to allow an average monthly flow to 30,000 gallons with a daily maximum of 50,000 gallons and amend the agreement to reflect the change temporarily through December 31, 2022 with the stipulation that the city can rescind the allowed increased temporary flows if the city runs into capacity issues. This temporary change puts the city at, close to, design capacity and long term expansion needs to be addressed.

Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting September 9th, 2021, the Public Hearing of September 9th, 2021 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of October 14th, 2021. Claims and prepaid disbursements were reviewed by Council Member J. Obright.

Mayor's Report
Nelson Street Block

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C.Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to block off Nelson Street from 5-7 pm on October 31, 2021 for Trunk or Treat.

Council Report
Workshop

Council will meet for a Work Shop with Jeff Kuhn of Widseth and Todd Hagen of Ehlers to discuss the results of the Financial Management Plan on Thursday, October 28th at 5:00 pm.

Approve: Street
Surveying

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council agreed to begin Street Surveying for potential street repair projects.

Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was reviewed.

Approve: CarlsonSV
2021 Audit

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to have CarlsonSV conduct the 2021 Financial Audit.

Approve: Purchase
Radio Read Meters
with ARPA Funds

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to purchase Radio Meters with the ARPA funds received for 2021. Purchase is not to exceed the funds received.

**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.

Approval: New EMT

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the hiring of Patrick McGaffey as an EMT to the Ashby Ambulance Department contingent on Ambulance Department Approval and successful back ground check.

**Ambulance Rate
Updates**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the Ambulance rate updates to be consistent with Prairie Ridge Hospital.

Public Works

Superintendent Johnson reported that all is going well. Johnson suggested that the city purchase a pole to be used for collecting animals at large.

**Old Business:
Holiday Lights**

The new holiday lights have arrived.

**New Business
Solar Powered
Signs**

Council agreed to support the installation of solar powered speed signs in Ashby. Purchase and installation will come from Horizon Public Health and Grant County. The City of Ashby will maintain the signs after installation.

**Resolution 2021-13,
Donation to Brush
Site**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by C. Obright - **Resolution 2021-13 Resolution Accepting Donation.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2021-14
Certify Delinquent
Fire Call**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright - **Resolution 2021-14 Resolution Certifying Delinquent Fire Call to Property Tax.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Vacation/Comp
Report**

Council reviewed the 3rd Quarter vacation and comp time report.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor