

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 8, 2020

- Regular Meeting** A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Jeremy Obright, Carrie Obright, Tom Grover, Heather Rossum, Wayne Stierlen. Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, Deputy Clerk Helle and Attorney Anderson. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Scott Ellingson and Al Nieman. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by J. Obright, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitors:**
Scott Ellingson –
New Shed Scott Ellingson was present to discuss the option of developing a lot with a storage shed within the city limits of Ashby along a lakeshore lot of the natural environment lake and was inquiring what setbacks need to be followed. The city has no shore land ordinances, however the state requires specific setbacks for lake shore property. Ellingson is to fill out a building permit as the first step in the process. There was no action taken.
- Al Nieman – School**
Request for
Combined Polling
Place Al Nieman, Superintendent of Ashby Schools was present to request that the City Council consider a change to the voting process in the City Limits from a Mail in Ballot precinct to a Combined Polling Place within the City of Ashby. Council opted to do their due diligence and research the request to make an informed decision for the best interest of the registered voters of Ashby. There was no action taken.
- Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda** Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of September 10th, 2020 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of October 8th, 2020 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Rossum.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- Canvass Election
Results** The 2020 Election Results will be canvassed at the November 12th Regular City Council Meeting.
- Public Safety:
Grant County
Sheriff's Office** Council reviewed the September report from the Grant County Sheriff's Office.
- Ambulance/Fire
Report** The Ambulance and Fire Report was reviewed as presented.
- Ambulance ALS
Letter of Support** The Ashby Ambulance Department requested a letter of support from the City Council for the Ambulance to go to a part-time ALS Department. All members of council signed the letter.
- Public Works** The Public Works report was reviewed. Superintendent Johnson reported that the phosphorous level report was received from the State of MN and that our levels are continuously going down. Johnson indicated that the city should start putting monies away for future expenses out at the pond site to monitor phosphorous levels in the future.
- Senior Center
Repairs** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by C. Obright, council approved to pay for the repairs to the walls at the Senior Center that were taken apart when investigating the problem with the damage to the walls.
- Tree Trimming** Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Rossum, council approved to pay to have the trees trimmed in the designated area between the HRA Apartments and the Zlotnick Duplex on Iverson Avenue. It was reported to the City that the trees were causing damage to the buildings.

**New Business -
Resolution 2020-16
CARES Money
Expenditures**

Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2020-16 Resolution to Approve the CARES Act Expenditures** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Additional CARES
Fund Expenditures**

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved for the Ambulance/Fire Departments to purchase a high efficiency washer and dryer and a new defibrillator with use of the CARES Funds and any funds remaining after the city purchases will go to the Ashby School with proper documentation of the expenses provided by the school district.

**Vacation/Comp
Time Review**

Vacation and Comp time report was reviewed by council.

**Housing Rehab
Grant Funds**

Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to have West Central Minnesota Communities Action (WCMCA) assist with the administration of the remaining Housing Rehab Grant Funds now that all repayment agreements have expired.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor