

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2022

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 and Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Thormodson, Superintendent Johnson and Deputy Clerk Helle. Visitor's Present: Dwight Walvatne – Grant County Commissioner, Heidi Hoff -ALF (Via phone), Darrin Froemming –TFC, Larry Van Hout –Widseth and Winnie/Alden Thompson. 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: Heidi Hoff and Dwight Walvatne – Grant County Commissioner – ALF-Senior Citizen Revitalization

Heidi Hoff called in to request approval for the Ashby Legacy Fund to begin construction on remodeling the front of the Senior Citizens Center. ALF received a grant to complete this project and they plan on beginning construction in the spring. The project should be finished by Ashby Appreciation Days. Commissioner Walvatne handed out copies of what the completed project would look like. Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved of the project proposed by Heidi Hoff and Commissioner Walvatne for the Senior Citizen Center update. Commissioner Walvatne also mentioned that a grant has been applied for to provide lighting at the skating rink.

Visitor: Darrin Froemming-TFC

Darrin Froemming requested to be part of a meeting with Public Works and Larry Van Hout with Widseth to discuss wastewater limit restrictions. A meeting will be scheduled for later in the month.

Visitor: Larry Van Hout-Widseth

Larry Van Hout discussed a letter Widseth drafted in response to a MPCA request. The letter describes the plan and a timeframe for the city to become compliant with phosphorus and chloride levels. Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved of the response letter to the MPCA.

Minutes/Claims

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved the minutes of the regular council meeting of October 13th, 2022 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of November 10th, 2022 as presented and reviewed by Councilmember Jaenisch.

Mayor/Council Report

Councilmember Jaenisch reported that City Attorney Anderson confirmed that a pontoon could be purchased for the treatment ponds with the available funds coming from Grant County. Councilmember Stierlen reported that the seniors don't have much use for newer appliances at the Senior Citizen's Center.

Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was reviewed.

Public Safety - Law Enforcement Report

Council reviewed the October 2022 log report as presented by the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

Fire/Ambulance Department

The Ambulance and Fire Report was reviewed as presented.

Old Business

The MPCA Permit was discussed earlier in the meeting.

New Business: Request Approval: 2022 Street Project Partial Pay Estimate

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the Partial Pay Estimate for Ferguson Asphalt Paving, Inc in the amount of \$13,848.61. This amount due is without the 1% retainage kept by the city.

**Select Election
Canvassing
Date/Time**

Council decided to canvass the election results on Monday November 14th, 2022 at 4:00pm in City Hall.

**Resolution 2022-
17: Approving
2023 Liquor
Licenses**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the Resolution. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, and Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Cory Van Santen-
Parcel Land
Purchase**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the sale of the parcel of land located west of 406 Larson to Cory Van Saten for \$1,750.

**Request Approval:
Ambulance
purchase of a
Lifepak 15
Defibrillator**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the purchase of an additional Lifepak 15 defibrillator so each of our 2 ambulances has one. The Lifepak is used to monitor patient's vital signs and to shock patients that are in cardiac arrest.

Adjourn

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Mike Thormodson, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor