

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2019

- 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, Wayne Stierlen, Carrie Obright and Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Todd Hagen of Ehlers, Winnie & Alden Thompson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Approval** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Stierlen, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitors:** Todd Hagen of Ehlers was present to address the council regarding the possibility of refinancing an existing hire rate interest Water Revenue Bond. Hagen explained that bond rates are at an all-time low right now and there would be a significant savings to the city to refinance at a lower interest rate. There would be no change to the term of the bond. Ehlers will put the bond out in the market on bids and bids would be reviewed and approved by council at the December 12th regular council meeting.
- Todd Hagen, Ehlers
Sale of GO Water
Rev. Refunding
Bonds**
- Resolution 2019-14
Sale of Water
Revenue Bond** Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2019-14 Resolution Providing Sale of GO Water Revenue Refunding Bond.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by C. Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of October 10th, 2019 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of November 14th, 2019 as presented and reviewed by Mayor Grover.
- Mayor Report** Ashby was voted KVRR Town of the Week in October. Ashby is now in the running for Town of the Year.
- Council Report** Mayor Grover and Council Member J. Obright attended the Grant County Solid Waste Meeting. Bids will be called in November for the Solid Waste Collection in Grant County as the current hauler's contract is expiring December 31st, 2019.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- Approval: Adjust
beginning fund
balances & re-issue
uncashed checks** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved to void the uncashed checks from 2016, adjust 2019 beginning balances and re-issue uncashed checks. There will be 3 checks re-issued.
- Public Safety -
Law Enforcement
Report** Council reviewed the October 2019 log report as presented by the Grant County Sheriff's Department.
- Fire/Ambulance
Department** The Fire/Ambulance report was reviewed.
- Approval: FD
Resignation – Troy
Mickelson** Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by C. Obright, and unanimously carried, council accepted the resignation of Troy Mickelson from the Ashby Fire Department.
- Arrow EMS Report** There was no updated report from Arrow EMS. New classes will be starting this winter.
- Public Works** Work Order Report was reviewed.

**Old Business –
Update on Old
Nursing Home
Ordinance Violation**

Clerk Schmitz reported that Attorney Anderson is working on drafting the notice to be served to the property owner of the old nursing home building as requested by council at the October 10th, 2019 meeting.

**Approval: Write off
delinquent utility
balance 407 Larson
Ave.**

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Stierlen, council approved to write off the delinquent utility balance at 407 Larson Ave of \$127.06 and clean up the account from 2016. Voting for: Stierlen, Rossum, Grover. Abstained: C. Obright, J. Obright. Voting against: None. Carried.

**New Business
Approval:
Resignation of Rose
Fitzsimmons**

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by J. Obright, and unanimously carried, council accepted the resignation of Rose Fitzsimmons as the Meter Reader.

**Approval: Advertise
for New Meter
Reading Position**

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by C. Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved to advertise for the Meter Reading position with a pay rate of \$75 per month.

**Resolution 2019-15
Approving 2020
Liquor Licenses**

Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Stierlen - **Resolution 2019-15 Resolution Approving 2020 Liquor Licenses.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Compost Site
R.O.W. Set Backs
and Signage
Removal**

The city received notice from MNDOT that the fence and the signage at the City Compost Site will need some changes. The fence is in the Trail Right of Way and needs to be moved back. There is also signage that involves business advertising that is not allowed in the Right of Way and will have to be removed.

**Signage Removal at
CLT Trailhead**

There are three signs at the trailhead that also need to come down as they are in the Right of Way and contain advertising that is not allowed by MNDOT. Superintendent Johnson will be going around and removing the signage right away and the fence needs to be addressed and changed by the end of the summer 2020. MNDOT will have the fence location surveyed to determine where the fence would need to be.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor