

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 12, 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, Holly Thompson, Jodi Dahlen, Dwight Walvatne – ALF, Tracy Hanson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Approval** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitors:**  
**Dwight Walvatne – Ashby Legacy Fund** Dwight Walvatne was present on behalf of Ashby Legacy Fund – Community Board to discuss the bathrooms at the Senior Center and that ALF would like to look at the project and get permission from the city to do improvements at the Senior Center as it is a City owned building. The city is o.k. with the updates being completed. The contract states that the Senior Center maintains the building.
- Holly Thompson – Compost Site Complaint** Holly Thompson was present to request an alternative method for getting rid of yard waste other than burning at the compost site. The complaint is that when the compost site is burned it produces smoke that causes air quality issues for the residents. The City is going to look into making changes to the site to help eliminate the issues in the complaint.
- Todd Hagen, Ehlers Sale of GO Water Rev. Refunding Bonds** Todd Hagen of Ehlers was present to discuss the status of the GO Water Revenue Bond refinance. The City Maintained its A-Stable Bond Rating. There were 3 bids received for the purchase of the bond. United Bankers Bank of Bloomington was the best bid. The closing of the sale will take place on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Resolution 2019-19 Issuance and Sale of GO Water Revenue Bond** Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Stierlen - **Resolution 2019-19 Resolution providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$590,000 General Obligation Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A and Pledging for the Security Thereof Net Revenues and Payment Thereof, awarding the bid to United Bankers Bank.** 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 Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Rossum.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- Public Safety - Law Enforcement Report** Council reviewed the November 2019 log report as presented by the Grant County Sheriff's Department.
- Fire/Ambulance Department** The Fire/Ambulance report was reviewed.
- Approval: Municipal Contribution to VFBA for 2019** Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved the Voluntary Municipal contribution to VFBA for 2019 as recommended by the Ashby Fire Department.
- Approval: FD Resignation – Jeff Evavold** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council accepted the resignation of Jeff Evavold from the Ashby Fire Department.
- Arrow EMS Report** There was no updated report from Arrow EMS.

**Public Works**

Work Order Report was reviewed. Superintendent Johnson reported that the second discharge went well. The new tractor is being shipped. Request was made to clear the small piece of trail from Country View Estates to the Central Lakes Trail to allow for children to access the trail for walking to school purposes. The connection will be plowed; however it will not be the first priority following a snow event. Notices will be given out for cars parked along marked streets that prohibit the removal of snow. After a first notice, there will be a citation issued.

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

Clerk Schmitz reported that Attorney Anderson sent the notice to be served to the property owner of the old nursing home building informing of a Public Hearing to be held at 5:30 pm on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Ashby City Hall to determine if a nuisance is present.

**New Business  
2020 Budget  
Approvals**

Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved the 2020 Budgets as presented and recommended by the Budget Committee. To include: General Fund, Fire Department, Ambulance, Arrow EMS, Water, Sewer, Garbage, and Storm Sewer.

**2020 Equipment  
Replacement/Fund  
Disbursement**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Stierlen, and unanimously carried, council approved the 2020 Equipment Replacement and Fund Disbursement as presented and recommended by the Budget Committee.

**Resolution 2019-16  
– Adopting Final  
Property Tax Levy**

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by J. Obright - **Resolution 2019-16 Resolution Adopting Final Property Tax Levy for 2020.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2019-17  
– Year End  
Transfers**

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by C. Obright - **Resolution 2019-17 Resolution Approving 2019 Year End Transfers.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2019-18  
– Designating  
Polling Place**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2019-18 Resolution Designating 2020 Municipal Precinct Polling Place.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Approve: 2020 Fee  
Ordinance**

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by C. Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved the 2020 Fee Ordinance as presented and recommended by the Budget Committee.

**Adjourn**

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

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

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Tom Grover, Mayor