

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 11, 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 and Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Jim Standish – Grant County Coordinator, Dwight Walvatne – Grant County Commissioner. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda Approval

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

Visitors:

**Jim Standish –
Grant County
Coordinator –
County Refuse**

Jim Standish – Grant County Coordinator was present to discuss with the council how the Solid Waste Contract works and to discuss the large increase in weight that Ashby has incurred. The tonnage that the garbage hauler collects is calculated county wide and a determination is made as to what percent each city pays based on the tonnage contributed. The City of Ashby has seen progressive increases over the past several years and most recently in 2020 the increase was quite significant. The discussion included how the city pays the county in the current year for weights that were collected in the prior year.

**Dwight Walvatne
/Jim Standish –
Curb Side Recycling
Pick-up**

The Grant County Board is going to be discussing the possibility of having curb side recycling pick-up in the county and looking to see if the cities have an opinion on whether they are for or against it. Currently the Ashby Lions Club collects curbside recycling in Ashby. Council will verify that the Lion's Club wishes to maintain collecting the recycling. This is a primary source of income for the Lion's Club and it keeps the monies in the Ashby Community.

**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 and Public Hearing of January 14, 2021, and the claims and prepaid disbursements of February 11th, 2021 as presented and reviewed by Mayor Grover.

**Council Reports –
Review of DG
Feedback**

Council reviewed the feedback that was received from the public regarding the possibility of a Dollar General Store being constructed near the City Limits of Ashby. There was no action taken on this item.

Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was reviewed.

**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.

Appoint: FD Liaison

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved Wayne Stierlen as the Council Liaison for the Ashby Fire Department.

**Approve: New
Ambulance Member**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the hire of Megan Glimsdal to the Ashby Ambulance Department contingent upon the passing of a background check as requested by the Ashby Ambulance Department.

Public Works

Superintendent Johnson reported on discussions involving street projects. Jeff Kuhn, Engineer of Widseth will be in attendance at the March meeting to discuss options and cost analysis of the potential projects. TFC sent notice that they are going to be changing their process and will be using more water. The request is being made to change the water/sewer levels that are in the current pre-treatment agreement. Larry VanHout, Engineer from Widseth is working on the request.

New Business

**Resolution 2021-02,
Certifying
Delinquent Utilities**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Jaenisch - **Resolution 2021-02 Resolution Certifying Delinquent Utilities to Property Taxes.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2021-03,
Funds Transfer**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright - **Resolution 2021-03 Resolution Allowing a Transfer of Funds.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2021-04,
Donation**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright - **Resolution 2021-04 Resolution Accepting Donation for the Fire Department and the Ambulance Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Approve: Grant
County Humane
Society Contract**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved the 2021 contract with the Grant County Humane Society as presented.

**Approve: CVE Lot
Listing Renewal
with Century 21**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to renew the contract for the sale of the Country View Estates Lots with Century 21 Atwood.

**Approve: Ashby
Legion 2021
Outdoor Liquor
Permits**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Jaenisch, and unanimously carried, council approved the following permits for Ashby American Legion Contingent upon approval by the Grant County Sheriff's Department. Outdoor Permit for May 8th, 2021 - Coots, Outdoor Dance Permit for July 17th, 2021 – Appreciation Days, and Outdoor Permit for August 14th, 2021 - Ribfest.

**Approve: 2021 Rain
Barrel Program –
Grant SWCD**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the city's participation in the 2021 Rain Barrel Program with the Grant County SWCD. The city will contribute \$10 per barrel up to 10 barrels.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor