

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 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 Jante and Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Larry VanHout – WSN, Donna Jean Grover, Alden and Winnie Thompson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitors:** Larry VanHout of Widseth Smith and Nolting was present to discuss the Public Works Meeting with TFC Poultry on Feb 7th. The purpose of the meeting was to review odor problems, fines & surcharges. The city has not heard from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) regarding the Notice of Violation from last summer. Will wait to hear from them and respond where appropriate. The odors from the TFC Plant were discussed. TFC Poultry is working with residents and trying to get feedback when the odors are bad. TFC is working with the chemistry of the new Pre Treatment System to try and reduce odors. VanHout did contact MPCA to get their position concerning odor. MPCA had not received any complaints on TFC as of that date. The MPCA stated that they can monitor some levels of Hydrogen Sulfide and would only be able to do that when the weather is warmer. The January testing results of the pre-treatment system were looking good.
- VanHout will be reviewing the suggested changes in the fines and usage charges proposed by TFC. Another meeting with the Public Works Dept will take place on March 8th with TFC Poultry and WSN to discuss a resolution and set a plan on the past due fines and surcharges.
- 2019 Birch Ave Street Project** The plans and specs for the 2019 street reclamation project on South Birch along with possible catch basin repair at Country View Estates was presented by WSN. Upon motion by Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the plans and specs and to advertise for bids on the project.
- Donna Jean Grover – CVE Lot Listing Contract** Donna Jean Grover of Century 21 was present to ask the council to re-list the lots at the Country View Estates Development. The lot listing contract has expired and Grover would like to renew the contract. Grover had a photographer come out last year to take aerial view photos with a drone. Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Jante and unanimously carried, council approved to re-list the lots with Donna Jean Grover of Century 21 with approval for the advertising to allow interested buyers to make an offer.
- Minutes/Claims/Consent Agenda** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of January 10th, 2019, and the claims and prepaid disbursements of February 14th, 2019 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Rossum.
- Mayor Report** Mayor Grover reported that the Emergency siren is not working and will need to contact Brandon Communications to look at it and repair.
- Council Reports** Council addressed several issues regarding snow removal and winter parking that has taken place due to the large snow amounts this year. Council will review the current process and policies and discuss the removal process with the Grant County Highway Department.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- Public Safety - Law Enforcement Report** Council reviewed the January 2019 log report as presented by the Sheriff's Department.

Fire/Ambulance Department

Fire/Ambulance report was reviewed. Township contract Signing is scheduled for February 26th.

Arrow EMS Report

Arrow EMS Report was reviewed as submitted by Ben Johnson. Johnson reported that EMT Refresher was completed in January.

Public Works

The work order report was reviewed. Superintendent Johnson reported that the department has mainly been working on snow removal and equipment break downs. The tractor has been repaired at Alex Power several times this season. Mayor Grover will call Alex Power and discuss the bill that was received for recent damages to the tractor when it was delivered.

**New Business
Resolution 2019-01,
Accept Donations**

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2019-01 Resolution Accepting Donations for the Ambulance Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: Obright, Jante, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2019-02,
Funds Transfer**

Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Rossum, **Resolution 2019-02 – Resolution Allowing Transfer of Funds from the Capital Improvement Fund to the 2015A Water Debt Service Fund for Bond Payment Obligations.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: Obright, Jante, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2019-03,
Accept Donations**

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Stierlen - **Resolution 2019-03 Resolution Accepting Donations for the Fire Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: Obright, Jante, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

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

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor