

June 5, 2012 Special Council Meeting

The Ashby City Council held a special council meeting on June 5, 2012 at Ashby City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sanitary sewer project. Mayor Thomas Grover called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with council members George Jordan Jim Karl and Ronnie Jaenisch present. Absent was Jim Rylander Also present was Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer, and Thor Tollefson, Public Works. Visitors were Jeff Kuhn from WSN, Winnie and Adair Thompson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jordan approved the agenda. Karl seconded. MCU

Bids for the sanitary sewer/CSAH 4/Birch Improvements were opened on May 31, 2012. The bids received were as follows:

• Riley Bros. Construction	\$1,652,243.18
• State Borders Construction	\$1,843,215.30
• RL Larson	\$2,156,434.45
• Mark Lee Excavating	\$2,497,340.75
• Quam Construction	\$2,566,380.56
• Carstensen Contracting Inc	\$2,742,371.62
• Kuechle Underground	\$3,508,940.78

The low bid came in at around \$195,000 more than the engineering estimates. In discussing the situation with Jeff Scholten from Rural Development, there may be a chance of some additional grant funds but we won't know for awhile. Riley Bros. Construction also has some ideas to reduce costs of the project. There may be some other areas in the budget that can get reduced but we won't know right away. Jeff Kuhn will work with Riley Brothers on their suggestions. Bottom line is this will increase the loan needed and dependent on final costs and whether there is additional grant funds, increase sewer rates for an average user (4000 gallons/month) could run somewhere between \$1.50 to \$2.50 total per month.

Jaenisch moved to approve **Resolution 2012-10 Accepting Low Bid for 2012 Sanitary Sewer Project, SCAH 4 and Birch Avenue Improvements**. Karl seconded. Roll call vote: those voting for – Jaenisch, Karl, Grover & Jordan. Those voting against – none. Rylander absent. Motion carried.

Adjourn 11:55 a.m.

Valerie Martin, Clerk/Treasurer