

Ashby City Council Meeting – July 12, 2012 Hearing for Wellhead Protection Plan

Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with council members George Jordan, Jim Karl, and Jim Rylander present. Ronnie Jaenisch was absent. Also present was Val Martin-Clerk/Treasurer, Thor Tollefson, Public Works and Police Chief; Jeremy Obright, Police Officer; Richard Walton, City Attorney. Visitors were Darrin & Trent Froemming from TFC, George Minerich from MN Dept of Health and Jeff Kuhn from WSN.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A public hearing was opened regarding the update to the Wellhead Protection Plan. George Minerich was in attendance to answer any questions from the council or public. No residents were in attendance to discuss the plan and no comments or questions came from the council. The final plan was presented for adoption. Jordan moved to accept, Rylander seconded. MCU

Wellhead Protection Plan Approved

The public hearing was closed and the regular meeting was opened.

Jordan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Karl seconded. MCU

Agenda

Visitors

None

Wastewater Project

- The change to some of the personal services on Larson, Cedar, etc. was tabled for more information.
- Soil testing quotes were received with Braun being the lowest quote and Kuhn recommending the council hires them to do the work. Karl moved to approve. Rylander seconded. MCU

Wastewater Project

Jordan moved to approve the Capital Improvement Plan draft with review by Public Works Commission prior to next council meeting to finalize numbers and timelines. Karl seconded. MCU

Larson Ave. north of County Road 82 was discussed with thoughts of constructing a heavier street due to the truck traffic going to the elevator. There may be some grant opportunities with it benefitting a commercial business. Some dollars need to be put together and a discussion in the future with the elevator will need to take place. Karl made a motion to move forward with gathering information. Rylander seconded. MCU

Elevator/Larson Avenue

TFC Poultry

Darrin and Trent Froemming were both present from TFC Poultry. Trent discussed a plan of action including the possibility of doing aeration at the ponds. They realize it is their cost to install and pay for equipment but would like the City's help and support in doing this. Trent and Darrin will work with Larry and Jeff from WSN and report back at the next council meeting.

TFC

Consent Agenda

Karl moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes from the previous month.
- Approval of bills: Prepaid Bills: \$14,444.05, Claims for Approval: \$77,821.59 and additional Prepaid Bills for \$68,162.31 for a total of 100,427.95. Karl went through the bills and the bank statement ahead of time and gave prior approval. Jordan seconded. MCU

Consent

Mayor's Report

Regional Mayor's Meeting

Mayor

Council Reports

None

Administration

The Clerk/Treasurer's Report was accepted. The report details work done by the Clerk/Treasurer for June 9th – July 9th:

- Meeting in Barrett regarding Farmers Market grant.
- Easements – temporary – sent letters, made phone calls, and answered questions.
- Project – paperwork, answered questions of residents and referred some to inspector or engineer, delivered paperwork to Rural Development, updates on web-site, sent information to residents and published.
- Additional project financing – prepared paperwork.
- Notice of election to auditor.
- Liquor licensing – ribfest paperwork.
- Golf cart ordinance – research, prepared ordinance and worked with Tollefson and Obright for final copy to council.
- Work comp audit.
- Capital Improvement plan – review/forward to council.
- Waiting on customers, all financials including deposits, checks, reports; posting and publishing notices; payroll; minutes; policies, compiling and delivering agenda packets to council members and more.

Clerk

Public Safety

Police Report:

Jeremy Obright presented the Police Report was as follows:

- Dogs running at large – 2
- Traffic Direction Escort – 1
- Motorist Assist – 2
- Property Check Request – 1
- Property Checks – 4
- Civil Matter – 1
- Sick Cared For – 3
- Report of Lost Property – 1
- Speeding – 1
- Suicide – 1
- Suspicious Activity – 2
- Unsafe Equipment – 1

Police

Jordan commended the police department for work with community members after a difficult situation.

Fire Department Report:

2 Fire Calls – 0 in Town.
20 Ambulance Calls – 5 in Town.

Fire

Arrow EMS Report:

CPR training was recently given to an Alexandria business. There is potential for future business in Alexandria and this gives Arrow EMS a foot in the door. Scheduling for 2012-13 in underway. An initial Emergency Medical Responder Course is also likely. Defibrillator training will be in August for the council and staff.

Arrow EMS

Public Works

Tollefson presented the public works report.

Public Works

Old Business

Payment for Birch Street improvements will come from both the sewer fund and general fund and specific dollar amounts will be decided later.

Birch Financials

A meeting with DEED will be scheduled in August or September to discuss their Redevelopment Program and whether there are some options for the nursing home.

DEED/Nursing Home

Rylander moved to approve the Grant Agreement with USDA Rural Development for additional funding for the sanitary sewer project. The City received an additional \$100,000 grant and \$100,000 loan for the project. Karl seconded. MCU

USDA grant agreement

Karl moved to approve **Resolution 20912-13 Loan Resolution for Sanitary Sewer Project with USDA Rural Development.** Jordan seconded. Roll call vote: those voting for – Jordan, Rylander, Karl and Grover. Jaenisch absent. Those voting against – none. MCU

Loan Resolution

Karl moved to approve **Ordinance 73 – An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Golf Carts on City Streets** along with the summary for publication. Jordan seconded. MCU

Golf Carts

A resident made a request for the City to rethink the new Utility Billing Policy specific to “snow birds” and the base charge when these accounts are shut off. Karl will discuss with the resident and bring back the information. No action was taken.

Snow Birds

New Business

Rylander moved to approve **Resolution 2012-14 Accepting Donation of \$250 to the Fire Department and \$250 to the Ambulance Department in memory of Bill Hanson.** Jordan seconded. Roll call vote: those voting for – Jordan, Rylander, Karl and Grover. Jaenisch absent. Those voting against – none. MCU

Donation

Walton reported on a meeting with the Personnel Committee. They met to discuss the amount of comp time and vacation that Tollefson has accumulated. He will schedule time off over the next several weeks to reduce the amount on the books. Jordan moved to pay Tollefson for 160 hours of vacation. Karl seconded. MCU

Pay Tollefson for Vacation

A letter was distributed to the council from the League of MN Cities recognizing the efforts of Bill Ingebrigtsen on his work to small cities.

July 16th is a ribbon cutting ceremony for Ashby Living Center.

July 27th MS TRAM will be coming through Ashby on the Central Lakes Trail. The Lions will again sell pancakes in the park.

Filing for City Council will be July 31st to August 14th.

Adjourn 8:30 p.m.

