

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2020

- 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: Nick Olson, Ashby Legacy Fund, Alden and Winnie Thompson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitors:**
Nick Olson – Ashby Legacy Fund: Basketball Court Nick Olson was present to provide a status update from the Ashby Legacy Fund regarding the basketball court in the city park. Approval has been given from Legacy Fund to move forward with getting a plan for the project. Monies have been granted by the legacy fund for the project. Permission is needed from council to move forward. The idea is to dedicate the park at Appreciation Days. Excavation will begin as soon as possible. Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council gave approval to allow the legacy fund to move forward with the project.
- 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 February 13th, 2020, and the claims and prepaid disbursements of March 12th, 2020 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Carrie Obright.
- Council Reports WSC- Garbage Container Damages** Council Member Stierlen reported that he had visited with County Coordinator Jim Standish and Commissioner Dwight Walvatne regarding the on-going issue the city is having with obtaining reimbursement from West Central Sanitation for damage that was made to several city garbage containers. The council agreed to accept replacement containers from West Central Sanitation.
- CVE Lot Prices** Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to change the price of the lots at Country View Estates to thirty percent per square foot to make purchasing the lots more appealing. This change in price is still keeping the city in compliance with the bond requirements.
- Council Salary** Councilmember Stierlen presented a proposal to the council to consider changing council salaries effective in 2021. The proposal came after a survey was completed with five neighboring city's regarding their council pay. Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to have Clerk Schmitz update the Ordinance for changes to council pay to be presented for official approval at the April 9, 2020 council meeting.
- Fee Schedule Ordinance Change** The Fee Schedule Ordinance will be updated and presented for approval at the next council meeting to include the cost for compacted garbage versus un-compacted garbage. This change is being presented because the city is starting to see commercial properties compacting garbage, which produces a significantly higher weight that goes towards Ashby's total tonnage.
- 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.

- Public Works** The work order report was reviewed. Superintendent Johnson reported that he attended the Water/Wastewater conference in St. Cloud
- Old Business – Grant SWCD Barrel Program** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to provide a \$10 per barrel cost share up to a total of 10 barrel’s for the Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District Barrel Program.
- New Business Resolution 2020-03 Transfer Funds** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2020-03 Resolution Allowing Transfer of Funds** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Approval: Electronic Funds and Wire Transfer Policy** Upon motion from J.Obright, seconded by C. Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved Electronic Funds and Wire Transfers Policy as presented.
- Resolution 2020-04 ACH Bank Payments** Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by J. Obright - **Resolution 2020-04 Resolution Allowing Automated Clearing House (ACH) Bank Payments.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Resolution 2020-05 Donation to the Fire Department** Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Stierlen - **Resolution 2020-05 Resolution Accepting Donation to the Ashby Fire Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Approval Request: Ashby Legion 2020 Outdoor Liquor Permits** Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Rossum, 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 9th, 2020 - Coots, Outdoor Permit for July 17th, 2020 – Appreciation Days, Outdoor Dance Permit for July 18th, 2020 – Appreciation Days and Outdoor Dance Permit for August 8th, 2020 - Ribfest.
- Approval Request: Pro Sweep, Inc. Cost Proposal** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved the Proposal for Street Sweeping Services from Pro Sweep Inc. as presented.
- Adjourn** Upon motion by J. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
 Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

 Tom Grover, Mayor