

MINUTES
March Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, March 13th, 2025

Regular Meeting

A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Scott Ellingson, Jake Dahle and Ron Jaenisch. Absent: Wayne Stierlen. Also present: Clerk Thormodson. Agenda visitors: Heidi Hoff, Nick Olson and Robby Risbrudt. Also in attendance: Tim Amundson and Darrin Froemming. Mayor Ellingson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda Approval

Upon recommendation from Clerk Thormodson, Dahle made a motion to add another donation approval to Resolution 2025-05. Mayor Ellingson moved to add discussing Nursing Home development options to New Business. Upon motion from Dahle, seconded by Jaenisch, and unanimously carried, the amended agenda was approved.

**Visitors:
Heidi Hoff and Nick
Olson with ALF**

Hoff and Olson requested permission from council to update Thorson/Larson Park to make it more inclusive and update the older equipment. Dahle made a motion to grant permission for ALF to move forward, Jaenisch seconded it, and it was unanimously carried. Council appreciates their efforts on this project.

**Robby Risbrudt and
Nick Olson with the
Ashby Legion**

Olson mentioned that the Legion will do their best not to pile excessive amounts of snow in resident's lots.

**Consent Agenda
Minutes/Claims**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Dahle and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 13th, 2025 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of March 13th, 2025 as presented and reviewed by Ellingson.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ellingson attended the monthly Senior Citizens meeting. They inquired about painting the interior and installation of a door closer on the front

Council Report

None given.

**Administration
-Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was reviewed. Clerk Thormodson reminded council about the Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for April 10th, 2025 starting at 5:00 p.m.

**Public Safety
-Law Enforcement**

The Grant County Law Enforcement Report was reviewed.

**-Fire/Ambulance
Department Report
*Request Approval to
hire Sean Stevens**

Fire Chief Risbrudt gave an update on the Ambulance expansion project. Open houses are being planned for the contractors and residents.

Upon motion from Dahle, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved the hiring of Sean Stevens to Ashby EMS pending a background check.

Public Works

The Public Works report was reviewed.

**Old Business:
-Resolution 2025-06
Appointing a
Councilmember**

Mayor Ellingson opened the floor for motions from council to fill the vacancy. Jaenisch nominated Ryan Kari and Dahle nominated Tim Amundson. Mayor Ellingson called for a Roll Call vote to determine who would fill the vacant seat. Jaenisch voted for Ryan Kari, Mayor Ellingson voted for Ryan Kari and Dahle voted for Tim Amundson. Ryan Kari was appointed to fill the vacant council seat. The term goes through 2026.

-Set Town Hall Date

Council set the Town Hall date for April 17th, 2025 starting at 7:00pm. The Town Hall will take place in the new Ambulance Expansion to allow for adequate seating. Council will discuss plans for future city development.

New Business:

-Request Approvals:

***2025 Grant County Humane Society Dog and Cat Contract**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Dahle and unanimously carried, council approved the 2025 Grant County Humane Society Dog and Can Control Contract.

***Resolution 2025-04 Adopting the Grant County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Jaenisch made a motion to approve, Dahle seconded. Mayor Ellingson called for a Roll Call vote. Dahle Yes, Ellingson Yes, Jaenisch Yes...3 voted in favor, 0 opposed. Resolution 2025-04: Adopting the Grant County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan passed.

***Resolution 2025-05 Accepting Donation to Fire Department**

Jaenisch made a motion to approve, Dahle seconded. Mayor Ellingson called for a Roll Call vote. Dahle Yes, Ellingson Yes, Jaenisch Yes...3 voted in favor, 0 opposed. Resolution 2025-05: Accepting Donation to the Fire Department passed.

-Nursing Home Development

Mayor Ellingson brought up the idea of selling the building to a private party instead of demolishing it. Jaenisch spoke about the resident's need for housing. Council agreed to be open to the idea of a private party purchasing the Nursing Home as long as they agree to complete construction within a set time period or the property would revert to the city.

April Council Meeting

The next regular city council meeting will be on April 10th, 2025 starting at 5:30 pm.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Dahle and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Mike Thormodson, City Clerk

Scott Ellingson, Mayor