

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 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, Trent and Darrin Froemming – TFC Poultry, many Ashby Residents, Business Owners and Employees of TFC Poultry. 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:  
Trent & Darrin  
Froemming – TFC  
Poultry Fines/Usage  
Charges** The Public Works Committee, along with Larry VanHout of Widseth, Smith and Nolting met with TFC Poultry owners Darrin and Trent Froemming on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the past due fines and usage charges that were incurred by TFC Poultry due to violations of the Pre-Treatment Agreement. After much discussion, motion was made by Obright, seconded by Stierlen and carried with Councilmembers Obright, Jante and Stierlen voting in favor, the recommendation from the Public Works Committee that TFC Poultry is required to pay \$61,298.97, which is a portion of the fines and usage charges that were incurred from violations with the Pre-Treatment Agreement between the City of Ashby and TFC Poultry. The payments are to be equal monthly payments and paid in full by the end of 2019.
- Larry VanHout -  
WSN** VanHout was present to discuss the results from the MPCA for the Notice of Violation that the city received August 15, 2018. The City was fined \$4,320 with \$720 being forgivable if the city modifies the pre-treatment agreement enforcing the notification requirement if TFC ever changes their processing.
- 2019 Birch Ave  
Street Project Bid  
Approval** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Jante and unanimously carried, council approved to award the bid for the 2019 South Birch project to the lowest bidder, Riley Brothers, in the amount of \$75,982.00.
- Minutes/Claims/  
Consent Agenda** Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and the claims and prepaid disbursements of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Stierlen.
- Mayor Report** Mayor Grover reported that he contacted Alex Power regarding the bill that the city had received regarding repairs to the tractor. The damages were caused by negligence on the part of Alex Power. As a result, the bill to Alex Power was forgiven.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- Approval: Amend  
2019 General Fund  
Beginning Balance** Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to amend the General Fund 2019 beginning balance by adding in \$505.22 to allow the bank statement to balance.
- Public Safety -  
Law Enforcement  
Report** Council reviewed the February 2019 log report as presented by the Sheriff's Department.
- Fire/Ambulance  
Department** The Fire/Ambulance report was reviewed.
- Arrow EMS Report** Ben Johnson, Arrow EMS Instructor reported that there were no updates since the February council meeting.

**Public Works**

The work order report was reviewed. Superintendent Johnson reported that he went to the rural water conference. Johnson applied to the DNR for a larger water permit. Storm drains have been opened to help control flooding.

**Ashby Legion  
Permit Approval**

Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Jante and unanimously carried, council approved the following permits for Ashby American Legion. Outdoor Permit for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Coots, Outdoor Permit for July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Appreciation Days, Outdoor Dance Permit for July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Appreciation Days and Outdoor Dance Permit for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Ribfest.

**Nelson Auto  
Reimbursement  
Acceptance**

Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the acceptance of \$1,925.45 from Nelson Auto Center for an increased discount owed from the purchase of the police squad car.

**Adjourn**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

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Tom Grover, Mayor