

**MINUTES**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 25th, 2025**

**Special Meeting**

A Special council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Scott Ellingson, Ryan Kari, Jake Dahle, Wayne Stierlen and Ron Jaenisch. Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Thormodson. Visitor: Dennis Shores. Mayor Ellingson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Agenda**

This meeting has held to decide if the city had interest in purchasing a vacant lot in the city from Dennis Shores. It is a double lot that could be split if the owner so chose.

**Visitor:**

Dennis Shores gave council details about improvements he had made to the property.

**Discussion**

Mayor Ellingson said a benefit of owning this property would be that it is ready to develop now. Jaenisch stated that Grant County HRA could have the capability of building quickly. Dahle expressed concern about how much property the city has purchased in the last year. Dennis Shores mentioned that his plans were to build 2 single family homes this year if the city was not interested in purchasing this parcel. Kari asked if Shores had people interested in buying the property. Dennis Shores said there had been some interest. Stierlen asked what Shores wanted for the property. Shores said he was looking for \$50,000 for the double lot due to the location and for the improvements he made to it. Jaenisch mentioned he had been approached by a contractor looking into developing property in town. Dahle mentioned that he was willing to continue the conversation. Jaenisch believed that \$50,000 was a reasonable asking price and that the city should not delay moving on it. Kari asked how many other properties were currently owned by the city. Council spoke about the readiness of the Dennis Shores property vs. the others the city currently owns. Dahle said that if we proceed with the purchase we need to be aggressive with construction. Stierlen and the rest of council agreed. Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council agreed to purchase the property for \$50,000. Dennis accepted the offer. Mayor Ellingson instructed Clerk Thormodson to work with City Attorney Justin Anderson to get a purchase agreement made. The plan for the property is to have at least 4 housing units on the double lot.

**Adjourn**

Upon motion by Dahle, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Thormodson, City Clerk

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Scott Ellingson, Mayor