

MINUTES
Economic Development Meeting
Thursday, March 27th, 2025

The Economic Development Committee of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: President Treavor Schlosser, Jill Amundson, Lynn Jensen, Heather Rossum, Darrin Froemming, Kristi Froemming, Mike Thormodson and Jake Dahle. Absent: None. EDA President Schlosser called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Secretary's Report

No Secretary's Report was given.

Treasurer's Report

Zero balance currently in account. Plan is to add annual contribution in the 2026 City Budget?

Topics

***Senior Center Improvements**

Insulation completed in ceiling. Group Cares Campers will paint the interior in June 2026. Wi-Fi installed. Plan is work together with ALF to remodel the bathroom making it ADA compatible and have it as a community restroom. Discussion has been held concerning it being used a youth center again. Staffing is a concern.

***Future of the Nursing Home**

The City is pursuing bids to have the structure demolished due to the estimated cost of converting it to apartments. The City has received interest from TFC in purchasing the Nursing Home so they can convert it into housing for their workers or anyone else that is interested. TFC could vacate some of their workers from houses in town to make them available for single families. The City would need assurance from whoever bought it, that construction would be completed with a set period of time. Consensus from the Committee is to entertain selling to a private party vs. going through Grant County HRA. A housing study will be conducted through West Central Initiative.

***Empty Lot south of the Hardware Store**

City currently uses the lot for storing snow. There has been talk of someone wanting to build a restaurant on the property. They have been told to bring a proposal to a council meeting if they are interested. Discussion was had about listing empty city lots for sale on the city website. Possible future spot for Food Trucks, electricity hook ups would need to be installed.

***401 Larson Ave**

The City purchased this double lot with the intent of starting construction this year. Plan is to have 3-4 single level units constructed on the lot. Private vs. HRA construction benefits were discussed.

Upon motion by Amundson, seconded by Dahle and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____
Mike Thormodson, City Clerk