

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2022

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, Ronnie Jaenisch, Wayne Stierlen, Carrie Obright and Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Jon Combs, Grant County S.O., Brian & Amy Johnson & Scott Ellingson, Ashby CVE Residents, Jeff Kuhn, Widseth Engineer, Dwight Walvatne – Commissioner. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda Approval

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

Visitors:
Jon Combs – Grant
Count S.O. – Speed
Radar Signs

Chief Deputy Combs was present to discuss the Speed Radar Signs that Grant County is going to be implementing within the cities of Grant County. The Grant County Commissioners agreed that installing these signs in the cities within Grant County would be a benefit to everybody and approved for each city in the County to receive 2 signs. If the cities wish to purchase additional signs the cost to purchase goes to the cities, however maintenance will be done by Grant County.

**Brian Johnson/
Scott Ellingson,
Ashby CVE
Residents**

Johnson and Ellingson were present to discuss snow removal in the CVE development and water quality concerns. Johnson explained that the water conditions come from what types of minerals are in the ground in the area. He also explained that once hydrants are flushed to produce more water flow, the sediments flush out and water quality returns to normal. Johnson will attempt to flush more frequently in the development during the warmer seasons of the year.

Concern of CVE Residents that snow removal was missed after a large snow event this year. The plow is not plowing close enough to the curb and leaves feet of snow into the street. The snow clean-up process was discussed. Council requested residents put issues in writing.

**Jeff Kuhn – Widseth
Street Project Bids,
Sewer Project
Requests**

Kuhn was present to report to the council that there were five bids received for the pending street projects. Ferguson Brothers reported the low bid.

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved for Widseth to accept the bid by Ferguson of \$236,582.50 and to move forward with the street project with Kuhn and Superintendent Johnson negotiating some items to bring costs down with Ferguson.

**Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of March 10th, 2022, the Board of Appeals Meeting of April 4, 2022 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of April 12th, 2022 as presented and reviewed by Councilmember C. Obright.

**Mayor/Council
Reports**

No Reports

Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was reviewed.

**Public Safety -
Law Enforcement
Report**

Council reviewed the March 2022 log report as presented by the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

**Fire/Ambulance
Department**

The Ambulance and Fire Report was reviewed as presented.

Public Works

Superintendent Johnson reported that the city has received a Wastewater Recognition Award for successful operation of the Wastewater Treatment.

MPCA has us in a study for PFAS (which is foam for fighting fires). It is in the study phase. There is a class that Johnson will take to become familiar with the substance. Johnson has been working with the Widseth Engineer regarding the water generator. The park sign in Memorial Park fell over and will need to be replaced.

**New Business
Approval: CVE Lots
19 & 20, Block 1**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the sale of Lots 19 & 20, Block 1 in Country View Estates as received by Century 21 Atwood and pre-approved by Mayor Grover, Clerk Schmitz and Council Member J. Obright.

**Approval: CVE Lot
21, Block 1/ Lots 1
& 2, Block 2**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the sale of Lot 21, Block 1 and Lots 1 & 2, Block 2 in Country View Estates as received by Century 21 Atwood and pre-approved by Mayor Grover, Clerk Schmitz and Council Member Jaenisch.

**Approval: Block
Larson Ave – April
16th.**

Upon motion by J. Obright, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to block of Larson Avenue from the Alley to Nelson St on Saturday, April 16th as requested by the Ashby Community Group for an Easter Egg Hunt.

**Approval: Grant
County Human
Society Agreement**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved the 2022 contract with the Grant County Humane Society as presented.

**Approval:
Resolution 2022-06
– Certify Delinquent
Utilities**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright - **Resolution 2022-06 Resolution Certifying Delinquent Utilities to Property Taxes.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Approval:
Resolution 2022-07
– Accept Donation
to Fire Department**

Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Stierlen - **Resolution 2022-07 Resolution Accepting Donation to Ashby Fire Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Clean-Up Day

Schmitz and Johnson will coordinate a date for Clean-Up Day with Engebretsons.

**Skating Rink
Maintenance
Equipment**

Commissioner Walvatne was present to give an update on how the skating rink was handled this last winter and to discuss options for handling the maintenance and brooming of the Skating Rink in the future.

Adjourn

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor