

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 13th, 2023**

- Regular Meeting** A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Amy Johnson, Ronnie Jaenisch, Wayne Stierlen, Heather Rossum and Scott Ellingson Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Thormodson, Superintendent Johnson, and Deputy Clerk Helle. Visitor's Present: Dean Birkland with CarlsonSV. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitors:  
Dean Birkland w/  
CarlsonSV** Dean Birkland was present to review the 2022 Audit with council. Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen, council approved to accept the final 2022 audit as presented and prepared by CarlsonSV.
- Consent Agenda  
Minutes/Claims** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda of the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Rossum.
- Mayor's Report** Mayor Johnson spoke about a meeting she had with the seniors at the Senior Citizens Center, the Legion 104<sup>th</sup> celebration, the firefighter's banquet and that she and Clerk Thormodson have arranged quarterly meetings with TFC to promote collaboration. Mayor Johnson is also part of the Ashby Garden Club, they will be working with the Ashby High School's Landscape class to help beautify the city. The Ashby Landscape class is looking for more projects within city limits. Email Bonita Oestreich at [BOestreich@ashbyps.org](mailto:BOestreich@ashbyps.org) for more details.
- A Strategic Planning Council Meeting will happen in the near future with a third party moderator. Clerk Thormodson will be forming a Welcoming Committee. This Committee is being assembled to ensure that new residents/businesses are properly welcomed and to create inclusivity in the community. Mayor Johnson invited the other council members to join her on a historic tour of Ashby.
- Council Report** Stierlen responded to a call from the seniors about water leaking in at the Senior Citizen's Center.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed. Interviews for the Part-time Public Works position begin the week of April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Public Safety -  
Law Enforcement  
Report  
Fire/Ambulance  
Department** The Grant County Law Enforcement, Ambulance and Fire Report were reviewed.
- Public Works** The Public Works report was given by Superintendent Johnson. He highlighted upcoming city projects including: hydrant replacement at Birch Circle, paving of Nelson Street, patching on Larson and rehabbing the city's main lift site.
- Old Business**
- Brush Site Hours** After some deliberation, council decided to leave it locked like last year. Residents will need to go to City Hall to check out a key to access the brush site. This is due to unauthorized use by contractors.

**Office Remodel**

A bid was reviewed to remodel office space. There was a conversation about getting additional bids. Office remodel discussion tabled till next month.

**2023 Clean-up Day**

Ashby will have their annual Clean-up Day on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm located at City Hall.

**New Business**

**-Request Approval**

**\*Ambulance CD**

Ashby Ambulance wants to invest 100k into a CD for a future purchase. Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the 100k investment into a CD at Viking Bank.

**-Senior Citizen's Center**

Stierlen reported that water is wicking in through exterior walls of the center. The ice off a roof of an adjoining building leans up against the Senior Citizen's Center and slowly melts. Options discussed about keeping the water out. Stierlen will price out applying a water proof membrane for the exterior of the building. Bathrooms need to be updated as well.

**Pest Control -Feral Cats**

Council received a complaint about feral cats creating a Public Health issue. Mayor Johnson brought up three options for council to consider. Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the continued live trapping of feral cats and relocating them or bringing them to the Humane Society.

**May Council Meeting Date**

The next City Council Meeting will be on May 11th, 2023 starting at 5:30 pm at Ashby City Hall.

**Adjourn**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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

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Amy Johnson, Mayor