

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2019

Board of Appeals

Mayor Grover called the Board of Appeals to order at 5:00 pm with the following members present: Obright, Jante, Grover and Stierlen. Absent: Rossum. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Deputy Clerk Helle. Visitor's Present: Karl Lindquist (Grant County Assessor), Heather Jacobson (Ashby City Assessor). The City of Ashby saw an average of a 9% increase in property valuations. Local Assessor, Heather Jacobson reported that she will no longer be doing Assessments in Ashby. The Assessor's Office will look into local assessment versus county assessment options. There were no residents present to appeal their property tax valuation. Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Obright and unanimously carried, council adjourned the meeting of the Board of Appeals.

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: Mike Van Voorhis, Jake Ellefson & Nate Kunde of Otter Tail Power Co. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Approval

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

Visitors:

**Mike Van Voorhis,
Jake Ellefson, &
Nate Kunde
Otter Tail Power Co.
Franchise
Agreement**

Otter Tail Power Co. representatives were present to discuss the Electric Franchise Agreement with the City of Ashby. The term for the renewal is 20 years and Otter Tail Power Co. would like to continue the relationship of providing electricity service with the City of Ashby. The Ordinance is the same as the previous agreement with one change allowing cities the ability to instill a franchise fee to the residents if the city so chooses. Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the Electric Franchise Ordinance with Otter Tail Power Co.

**Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda**

Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of March 14th, 2019, and the claims and prepaid disbursements of April 15th, 2019 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Obright.

Mayor Report

Mayor Grover reported that the emergency siren has been fixed.

Council Report

Councilmember Stierlen has been doing research on the cost for fixing the basketball court.

Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was reviewed. There was discussion regarding the 2019 Movie-in-the Park. The topic was tabled until the May 9th, 2019 council meeting.

**Garbage Rate Fee
Increase**

Clerk Schmitz reported that, due to the increase in fees from Grant County for Garbage Service, the Garbage fees will need to be increased. The Budget Committee will meet soon to discuss the amount of increase needed.

**Public Safety -
Law Enforcement
Report**

Council reviewed the March 2019 log report as presented by the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

**Fire/Ambulance
Department**

The Fire/Ambulance report was reviewed.

Arrow EMS Report

No Report

Public Works

The work order report was reviewed. The Public Works report was reviewed. Superintendent Johnson reported that he is waiting for parts to repair the lift station at Country View Estates. Spring discharge should be completed by the end of the month. The filters in the water plant will be recharged this week.

TFC Poultry Pre-Treatment Amendment

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the amendment to the Pre-Treatment Agreement with TFC Poultry as recommended by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The amendment will enforce stronger notification requirements in the event of new process changes by TFC Poultry.

Resolution 2019-04 – Certifying Property Taxes

Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2019-04– Resolution Certifying Property Taxes, Parcel ID 17-0048-000, Harvesters Watering Hole and Eatery at 300 Larson Ave.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: Obright, Jante, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Approval – Grant County Humane Society Agreement

Upon motion from Jante, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, the council approved the 2019-2020 Contract with the Grant County Humane Society.

City Restaurant/ Club 74 Outdoor Permit Approval

Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Jante and unanimously carried, council approved the following permits for Ashby City Restaurant/Club 74. Outdoor Permit for July 19th, 2019 and Outdoor Dance Permit for July 20th, 2019 – Appreciation Days, contingent upon receiving the proper insurance documentation and payment.

Liability Waiver

Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Jante, and unanimously carried, council approved the Liability Coverage – Waiver Form from the League of MN Cities and opted to Not Waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor