

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 9, 2020**

- Regular Meeting** A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held via Zoom virtual meeting with the following members present via roll call: Jeremy Obright, Carrie Obright, Tom Grover, Heather Rossum, Wayne Stierlen. Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: Superintendent Johnson. Visitor's Present: Donna Jean Grover – Century 21 Vista, Troy Mickelson, Alden and Winnie Thompson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Visitors:  
CVE Offer** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council accepted the offer of \$4,500 for Lot 4, Block 1 in Country View Estates from Peter and Laura Nelson. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Troy Mickelson –  
New Business/Land  
Use Permit** Troy Mickelson was present to discuss a new business opportunity to the council. Mr. Mickelson requested approval of a land use permit to construct a new building and to open up an Axe Throwing Business in Ashby. This will be a non-alcoholic facility to be used for recreational Axe Throwing. No food will be served in the facility to prevent taking business away from food establishments in Ashby. This would be the only Axe Throwing business between the Twin Cities and Fargo, ND. Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by J. Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved the Land Use Permit for Troy Mickelson to construct the new building. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Minutes/Claims/  
Consent Agenda** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the minutes of the Board of Appeals meeting of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented and reviewed by Mayor Grover. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Council Salary** Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the amendment to Ordinance 31, Establishing Salary of Mayor and Council Members. The change is effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- Utility Late Fees  
and Shut Offs –  
COVID 19** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to withhold utility late fees and shut offs through April. The topic will be re-addressed in May and continue re-evaluation monthly through the pandemic. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
- Pet Clinic Cancelled** The Pet Clinic for 2020 has been cancelled by the Battle Lake Vet Clinic. Pet Clinic's may be scheduled at the vet clinic site, however, there will be no Clinic held in Ashby.
- Public Safety -  
Law Enforcement  
Report** Council reviewed the log report as presented by the Sheriff's Department.

**Public Works**

The work order report was reviewed. Council Member J. Obright will contact Superintendent Johnson to discuss the status and changes to the compost site for the present until the city receives word from the state regarding the status of the compost site.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Grover.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

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Tom Grover, Mayor