

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 11th, 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, Wayne Stierlen, Heather Rossum and Scott Ellingson Absent: Ron Jaenisch. Also present: Deputy Clerk Helle and Public Works Superintendent Johnson. Present via phone Clerk Thormodson. **Visitor's Present:** Samantha VanWechel-Meyer and Rebecca Lynn Peterson with West Central Initiative. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Stierlen, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitor:
Samantha
VanWechel-Meyer** Ms. VanWechel-Meyer spoke about the many infrastructure funding opportunities available through WCI.
- Minutes/Claims** Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of April 13th, 2023 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of May 11th, 2023 as presented and reviewed by Council member Ellingson.
- Mayor's Report** Nelson repaving is set to take place fall of 2023, after TFC construction is finished. Moderated Strategic City Planning Meetings will be held on May 17th and May 24th starting at 5:30pm in City Hall.
- Council Reports** Council Member Stierlen reported that he hasn't received any bids for repairing the Senior Citizen's Center.
- Clerk's Report** Clerk Thormodson highlighted completed and ongoing projects since the April meeting.
- Public Safety -
Law Enforcement
Report
Fire/Ambulance
Department** The Grant County Law Enforcement, Ambulance and Fire Report were reviewed.
- Public Works** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Ellingson and unanimously carried, council approved road crack repair totaling \$13,200.
- Old Business:**
- 2023 Clean-Up Day** Ashby City-Wide Clean Up is set up for Thursday May 18th, 2023 from 4pm to 6pm at City Hall. This will be posted around town, Facebook, City website and official newspaper.
- City Wide
Rummage Sale** Ashby All-Town Rummage sale will be Saturday May 13th, 2023. This will be posted around town, Facebook, City website and official newspaper.
- EMS Appreciation
Dinner** Council discussed possible times of the year to hold this. Council member Rossum volunteered to be in charge of lining everything up.
- City Mowing Fees** Council agreed to have the city mowing fee \$100/hour. Clerk Thormodson will inform affected property owners.

New Business

Ehlers Refunding Analysis

Council reviewed the information provided by Ehlers Public Finance Advisors.

Request Approvals:

-Ashby Legion Outdoor Permit for a Street Dance

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the Ashby Legion Outdoor permit for July 15th, 2023.

-Hiring Dale Jacobson and Roger Moerke for Public Works

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Ellingson and unanimously carried, council approved the hiring of Dale Jacobson and Roger Moerke as Part-time Public Works employees pending mandatory background checks.

-2023 Fee Ordinance Garbage Fees

Upon motion from Ellingson, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the amendment changing the garbage fees for 2023 to account for the City's increased charges from Grant County.

-Safety Deposit Box and Economic Development Account

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Ellingson and unanimously carried, council approved granting Mayor Johnson and Clerk Thormodson access to the safety deposit box at Viking Bank (Removing former Mayor Grover and former Clerk Schmitz) as well as adding Clerk Thormodson to the Economic Development Account (removing former Clerk Schmitz).

-CD Renewal at Viking Bank

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to renew 2 ambulance CD's and one Fire Truck CD at Viking Bank.

June City Council Meeting

The next regular City Council Meeting will be on June 8th, 2023 starting at 5:30 pm at Ashby City Hall.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

ATTEST: 
Mike Thormodson, City Clerk


Amy Johnson, Mayor