

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 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, Attorney Anderson and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Jill Amundson and Samantha VanWechel-Meyer, West Central Initiative, Rich Williams - Coots. 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:**  
**WCI: Jill Amundson**  
**and Samantha**  
**VanWechel-Meyer**

Samantha VanWechel-Meyer and Jill Amundson were present to provide updates from WCI on their partnership with Ashby. There has been over \$68,000 in grants awarded to Ashby over the years to include childcare initiatives, business initiatives and school initiatives. WCI has been involved with the Grant County Funfest, School Demonstration Project, and a community Apple Tree Project. WCI has also assisted in Publication of a Children's Book and West Central Area Schools applied for a USDA food grant that Ashby was able to be included to bring local foods into the community. They are awaiting the results.

**Minutes/Claims/  
Consent Agenda**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as presented and reviewed by Councilmember Stierlen.

**Mayor/Council  
Reports**

Attorney Anderson was present to advise council on the Land Use Permits received from Froemming Properties regarding expansions. Anderson referenced Ordinance 93 which would require a separate permit be issued for excavation or obstruction of easements. The existing application is unable to be approved until a new application is issued for a Right of Way Permit and a plan to re-route the sewer is presented with all expenses going to the applicant. TFC will need to re-submit a permit application once utilities have been located and a plan approved to re-route the septic. Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried council denied the permit from Froemming Properties East of 101 Melby and 103 Melby that builds over a utility easement. Anderson will draft a denial letter.

**Land Use Permit  
Denial – Froemming  
Properties**

**Approval: Land Use  
Permit - Froemming  
Properties**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the Land Use Permit for Froemming Properties to demolition the existing structures and construct a new building for wastewater equipment at 47 County Road 82 E.

**Nelson Street  
Traffic Concerns**

Council addressed concerns after receiving complaints from residents regarding the truck traffic along Nelson Street and the property damage that is happening to private properties. Jaenisch and J. Obright will schedule a meeting with the business owners and discuss alternatives to prevent property damage and unsafe conditions.

**Coot Relocation**

Rich Williams was present on behalf of the Coots to request permission from the council to re-locate the Coot to Boe Park. Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the request by Coots Unlimited to re-locate the Coot to Boe Park pending all conditions affecting right of way are met.

**Clerk's Report**

The clerk's report was reviewed.

**Approval: Copier  
Lease**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved the new Copier Lease from Liberty Business Systems for 60 months with the expiration of the existing contract approaching.

**Public Safety -  
Law Enforcement  
Report**

Council reviewed the April 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**

Johnson reported that discharging will be completed on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Phosphorus levels are running high and we will need to mitigate a plan to reduce the levels. Johnson received cost options for a generator for the Water Plant and City Hall. The costs would be \$108,000 for City Hall and \$135,000 for the Water Plant. Johnson does not recommend moving forward due to the high cost. All of the winter equipment has been put away. The small mower is out and ready to run and the shelter in the park is open. Street sweeping will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business  
Clean Up Day**

Ashby City-Wide Clean-Up day will take place on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

**Approval: Speed  
Sign Addition**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to purchase one additional speed sign for Melby Avenue.

**New Business  
Approval:  
Resolution 2022-08  
– Elect ARPA  
Standard Allowance**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright - **Resolution 2022-08 Resolution Electing ARPA Standard Allowance.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Approval: Outdoor  
Liquor License for  
Ashby Legion**

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried council approved the outdoor liquor license for Ashby Legion for Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> for Appreciation Days.

**Grant County Q1  
Solid Waste Report**

The Grant County Quarter 1 Solid Waste Collection report was reviewed.

**Adjourn**

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

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

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Tom Grover, Mayor