

MINUTES
Special Meeting
May 27, 2021

Regular Meeting

A Special council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall and via Zoom virtual option, with the following members present: Tom Grover, Ronnie Jaenisch, Wayne Stierlen, Carrie Obright, Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Attorney Anderson. Visitors Present: Darrin Froemming - TFC Poultry, Todd Hagen – Financial Advisor from Ehlers, Dwight Walvatne – Grant County Commissioner. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Agenda Approval

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

Visitors:

Darrin Froemming of TFC Poultry was present to introduce an application requesting Tax Abatements for upcoming new projects. The first application is for an addition on an existing facility to add on offices. The second application is for construction of a new processing facility.

Todd Hagen provided education to the council regarding the process and reasoning for an abatement request. Hagen explained that the purpose of abatement is to assist with a gap in financing. The abatement request needs to be linked to an eligible cost that has to do with the construction of the project. TFC needs to specifically state what will the abatement funds be used for in relation to the project and what is the term length being requested.

Froemming stated that the project would still be constructed regardless of whether or not there is an abatement approved. Froemming indicated that a ten year, full abatement is the request, however, no formal written request to the council has been made to state the same.

Council would like to see a cost analysis completed by Ehlers to determine if TFC needs the abatement to continue with the project. Ehlers will provide a tax impact statement for council review. Council requests to see where the financial gap is which requires some financial information from TFC. Analysis of financial information is an expense that would be placed with the company and a down payment should be provided to the city to move forward. Council agreed that any data created by Ehlers is allowed to be released to TFC Poultry upon completion.

**Insurance Liability
Statutory Torte
Limits**

Upon motion by J. Obright, seconded by Jaenisch 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 torte liability.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor