

MINUTES
May Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, May 9th, 2024

- 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, Scott Ellingson, Wayne Stierlen, Jacob Dahle and Ron Jaenisch. Absent: None. Also present: Deputy Clerk Klinkner and Public Works Superintendent Johnson. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Jaenisch made a motion to add Hotchkiss property update to old business on the agenda. Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Dahle, and unanimously carried, the amended agenda was approved.
- Visitors:** Lori Risbrudt with Skate4Grant nonprofit spoke with council about their wishes to build a skate park within city limits.
Rebecca Lynn Petersen with West Central Initiate spoke about a variety of programs their organization offers.
Justin Anderson postponed his talk till the June meeting.
- Public Comment:** None
- Consent Agenda Minutes/Claims** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the Board of Appeals Meeting of April 1st, 2024, Regular Council Meeting of April 11th, 2024, Board of Appeals Reconvene Meeting of April 22nd, 2024 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of May 9th, 2024 as presented and reviewed by Ellingson.
- Council Report** Dahle brought up the possibility of a new location for the fire and ambulance in the future.
- Mayor's Report** None given
- Clerk's Report** The Clerk's Report was reviewed. City Wide Clean-up Day is set for May 16th from 4:00pm - 6:00 pm at City Hall.
- Public Safety**
-Law Enforcement The Grant County Law Enforcement was reviewed.
-Fire & Ambulance The Fire and Ambulance report was reviewed.
- Public Works** Superintendent Johnson reported that they fixed the netting at the basketball court and the sign in Memorial Park. Public works has been working on spring cleanup.
- Old Business**
-Senior and Community Center Updates ServPro cleared out all the old insulation sitting on the suspended ceiling, removed the fallen panels and cleaned everything up.
- Hotchkiss Update** Jaenisch and Ellingson had a conversation with Donald Hotchkiss on Saturday May 4th, 2024 to gage his interest in selling property to the city for senior housing. Tim Evavold, Perry Evavold and Jim Standish (Grant County HRA) were also in attendance. The Evavold's who currently farm the land were concerned about water runoff from a possible development. Jaenisch has reached out to the Grant County Office of Land Management and Senator Jordan Rasmussen's office for clarification on the proper way to handle the water runoff and find out if there is available funding. Upon motion from Dahle, seconded by Johnson and unanimously carried, council approved to have a Zoom meeting with Senator Rasmussen on May 22nd, 2024 and request a follow up in person meeting with the full council on a future date.

New Business

**Request Approvals:
*Resolution 2024-04**

Resolution 2024-04: Certifying Delinquent Utilities to Property Taxes. Motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Dahle to approve. Roll Call Vote: Dahle, Jaenisch, Mayor Johnson, Stierlen and Ellingson in favor. Resolution 2024-04 passed.

***Resolution 2024-05**

Resolution 2024-05: Certifying Delinquent Utilities to Property Taxes. Motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Dahle to approve. Roll Call Vote: Dahle, Jaenisch, Mayor Johnson, Stierlen and Ellingson in favor. Resolution 2024-05 passed.

**Junior Garden Club
Donation Request**

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Ellingson, and unanimously carried, council agreed to donate the use of 2 planters for 2024 to the Junior Garden Club.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Ellingson, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

May Council Meeting

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held on June 13th, 2024 at City Hall starting at 5:30 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Mike Thormodson, City Clerk

Amy Johnson, Mayor