

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2020

- Regular Meeting** A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Jeremy Obright, Carrie Obright, Tom Grover, Heather Rossum, Wayne Stierlen. Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Spock Zlotnick – Ashby Ambulance, Paul Snyder – Minister Presbyterian Church. Mayor Grover 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 with additions to discuss vehicles parked in an Empty Lot along County Highway 82 and updates on Ashby Appreciation Days.
- Visitors: Mark Zlotnick – Ashby Ambulance ALS Plans** Mark Zlotnick was present to inform the council that the Ashby Ambulance is proposing the option to become a part-time Advanced Life Support Ambulance Unit. Currently the Ashby Ambulance is a Basic Life Support unit. The change would involve some updates to the existing equipment and processes. Being an ALF Ambulance would allow for the Ashby Ambulance to provide more advanced pain medication and more advanced procedures for patients when there is a paramedic on board. The Ashby Ambulance would then be able to bill at a higher rate for being an Advanced Life Support Unit. The Ashby Ambulance Department currently has 3 paramedic's on their roster that are willing to assist with this new licensing.
- Minutes/Claims/Consent Agenda** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of May 14th, 2020, the Emergency Meeting of May 19th, 2020 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of June 11th, 2020 as presented and reviewed by Councilmember Stierlen.
- Council Reports - Appreciation Days** Council member Rossum updated the council on the 2020 Ashby Appreciation Days. The events that are still being planned will include Church in the Park, Vendor Fair, City Wide Garage Sales and a Movie on the Football Field.
- Junk Vehicles** Stierlen presented an issue with junk vehicles located on an empty lot along Highway 82. As long as vehicles are currently licensed and they have permission from the property owner, there are no ordinance violations for the city to enforce beings they are on private property.
- Parking Stripes- Nelson Avenue** Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to have angle parking stripes painted along the North Side of Nelson Avenue in front of the Presbyterian Church. The South side will remain parallel parking.
- Presbyterian Church Worship Service – City Park Use of Sound Equipment** Pastor Paul Snyder from the Presbyterian Church was present to request the use of the City Park for Worship Services beginning July 12th. The parishioners would bring their own chairs. Upon motion by J. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to allow the Presbyterian Church to use the City's Sound Equipment for church services in the park on Sundays.
- City Park Reservation Requests** The City will not be opening the bathrooms or the shelter in the park this summer due to COVID-19 restrictions and the requirements for sanitizing. The park is available for people to use but there will be no sanitizing by the city.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- Approval: Close 4-M Fund - Economic Development Account** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the closure of the 4-M Fund Economic Development Account to be transferred to the general account at Viking Bank per the requirements of the One Time Exception from MN Department of Employment and Economic Development.

**Public Safety -
Law Enforcement
Report**

Council reviewed the log report as presented by the Sheriff's Department.

**Fire/Ambulance
Report**

The Ambulance and Fire Report was reviewed as presented.

Public Works

The work order report was reviewed.

**Approval: LED
Lighting**

A quote was provided by Lightspeed Electric to put LED lighting in City Hall and the Water Plant. Fluorescent lighting is becoming less common and moving towards LED lighting. There are currently grant monies from Otter Tail Power Company for installing LED and those grant monies will be going away in about a year. The council tabled the decision to install LED in City Hall and the Water Plant and requested quotes from some local electrician's in order to have comparisons and to allow local businesses the opportunity.

**Old Business:
City-Wide Clean-Up
Day**

Council agreed to move forward with scheduling a day for Clean-Up with Engebretson's. A City of Ashby Utility Bill will be required before items can be dropped off.

**New Business
Approval:
Bar/Restaurant
Extension Requests**

Upon motion by J. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to allow Ashby Bar and Restaurant establishments to provide extended areas at their establishments upon request as long as they are within State of Minnesota Guidelines.

**Approval: COVID-19
Preparedness Plan**

Upon motion by Rossum, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan as presented and allowing City Hall to re-open to the public.

Ashby Brush Site

The council instructed the sign at the Ashby Yard Waste Site be changed to remove "Compost" from the sign as the site is not a true compost site but a "Yard Waste" Site.

**Ashby Equity
Propane Contract**

Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved a 100% prepay contract for Propane with Ashby Equity for 1,000 gallons at a cost of \$1.23/gallon.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor