

MINUTES
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
June 8th, 2017

**Public Hearing -
Ordinance
Establishing Rural
and Urban Taxing
Districts**

Assistant Mayor Jaenisch called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 pm with the following members present: R. Grover, Jaenisch, Rossum and Stierlen. Absent: Mayor Grover. Also present: Clerk Schmitz and Superintendent Johnson. Absent: Attorney Walton. Visitors Present: Larry Martinson and Alden Thompson

There were no comments or appeals made by residents to contest the creation of the Ordinance to Establish Rural and Urban Taxing Districts within the City of Ashby.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Regular Meeting

A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Jaenisch, Rossum, R. Grover and Stierlen. Members absent: Mayor Grover. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, Judy and Dennis Helle, and Attorney Walton. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Alden Thompson, Tina Lindquist – Grant County Emergency Management, Erin Peterson – Ashby Community Club, and Greg Smedsrud. Assistant Mayor Jaenisch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Approval

Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

**Visitor's:
Tina Lindquist,
Grant County
Emergency
Management**

Tina Lindquist was present at the request of the council to discuss designating emergency shelters during city events. Lindquist informed the council on what the role of the county is and that they are there to assist the city with whatever they need in the event of an emergency within the city. Lindquist also urged the council to have discussions with property owners that could potentially be utilized as an emergency shelter during a city sponsored event.

**Alden Thompson –
Neighbor Complaint**

Thompson provided photo's to the council of the condition of the property at a neighboring residence. Council informed Thompson that there had been a complaint made about the property and the Sheriff's Department had begun the process to work towards having the property compliant with City Ordinance.

**Erin Peterson –
Ashby Community
Club**

Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and carried unanimously, council approved to donate \$300 to the Ashby Community Club to go towards the purchase of the bike fix-it station and improve the parking area that was presented to the council during the May 11th council meeting.

**Greg Smedsrud –
Ordinance 112
Amendment
Request**

Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Rossum and carried unanimously, council approved to move forward with amending City Ordinance 112 to allow for a locked gate on the patio of Club 74. The current ordinance does not allow any exits on a patio at an establishment that serves liquor. Smedsrud is requesting to allow his establishment to have a locked gate so as to allow individuals with disability accessibility to the patio area. Attorney Walton will move forward with drafting an amended ordinance for council review.

**Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda**

Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the Public Hearing – Reassessment for Ashby Country View Estates and the regular council meeting of May 11th, 2017 and the claims & prepaid disbursements of June 8th, 2017 as presented.

Council Reports

Council members R. Grover and Stierlen reported to the council that a Public Safety Committee meeting was held with Sheriff Langlie and Chief Deputy Combs. The committee decided to move forward with an interview for the one candidate that met the minimum qualifications. A recommendation from the committee will come to the council after the interview takes place.

**Facebook
Reactivation with
Stipulations**

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved to reactivate the City of Ashby Facebook page to allow for informational posts only. No comments will be posted and Rossum will be added as an administrator of the account. The council does not want time spent by Clerk Schmitz filtering through all comments to determine what is allowed to be posted or not.

Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was reviewed.

**Fire Department
Report**

R. Grover reported that the Fire Department recently interviewed a candidate as a potential member of the Ashby Fire Department. A formal request will come to the council when the new member is recommended by the Fire Department.

**Public Works Report
Property**

Superintendent Johnson reported that the ponds are coming around and functioning properly after the recent large increase in output by TFC Poultry due to increased production.

**Unpaid Utilities at
300 Larson Ave**

Council discussed unpaid utilities at 300 Larson Ave. Notification was sent to the property owner to address the council and come to a payment agreement. There was no communication from the owner regarding attendance at the June 8th, 2017 Council Meeting. Council instructed staff to move forward with the water shut off process per city policy.

**July 3rd, 2017 - City
Office Closure**

Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to close City Offices on Monday July 3rd, 2017. Staff will use vacation or comp time to compensate for the closed day.

**Old Business
Ordinance No. 171 –
Establishing Urban
and Rural Taxing
Districts Approval**

Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved **Ordinance No. 171: An Ordinance Establishing Urban and Rural Taxing Districts Within The Corporate Limits of the City of Ashby, Minnesota**. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, Jaenisch, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**New Business
City Assessor Bid
Approval**

Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to have Heather Jacobson provide services for the 2018 Assessments/Payable in 2019 for the City of Ashby.

**Summer Rec
Donation Request**

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved to pay \$500 in a donation to the Ashby Summer Recreation Program.

Council Reviewed the Quarter 1 Financial Reports, Membership Dues Notification from the League of MN Cities and the Quarter 1 Solid Waste Collection Report.

Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Ronnie Jaenisch, Assistant Mayor