

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 8th, 2023**

**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, Wayne Stierlen, Heather Rossum, Ron Jaenisch and Scott Ellingson Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Thormodson and Public Works Superintendent Johnson. Visitor's Present: Marsha Bowman with the Garden Club, Jim Standish the Grant Country Coordinator and Jeff Kuhn with Widseth. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Agenda Approval**

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

**Visitor:  
Marsha Bowman**

Bowman followed up with council about the irrigation line the Garden Club wants to install to make it easier to water the garden located on the SW corner of Thorson/Larson Park. Council agreed to have Clerk Thormodson call in the locate so the line could be installed the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Jim Standish**

Standish provided council with information about the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in Grant County.

**Jeff Kuhn**

Kuhn explained to Council street repair options for Nelson with approximate costs and advantages/disadvantages for each.

**Public Comment:  
Tim Amundson**

Amundson expressed concern with semis parking next to house for long periods of time. He stated that the semis shake his whole house. Amundson requested the process for placing a no truck parking sign on his property. Clerk Thormodson will follow up with him.

**Consent Agenda  
Minutes/Claims**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Initial Strategic Planning Special Meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Follow Up Strategic Planning Special Meeting of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of June 8th, 2023 as presented and reviewed by Council member Stierlen.

**Council Reports**

Jaenisch brought up the City's permit process amid his concerns of city liability at events happening in city limits. He also mentioned getting Public Works help with setting up and taking down for Appreciation Days. Council requested councilmember Jaenisch and Clerk Thormodson to research the permit process and report at a future meeting. Rossum brought up street closures for Appreciation Days.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Johnson thanked council for their participation in the Strategic Planning Meeting. She presented a summary including action items for the city. The city received a \$500 grant for welcoming week that will happen in September. A community survey will be put together by Mayor Johnson and Clerk Thormodson.

**Clerk's Report**

Clerk Thormodson highlighted completed and ongoing projects since the May meeting. Stierlen spoke about the cost of the Clean-up day for the city and about how to improve it. Mayor Johnson mentioned to council the Deputy Clerk opening and recommended council members to help recruit for it.

**Public Works**

New mower should arrive next month. The old mower is continuing to have issues. Mayor Johnson thanked Superintendent Johnson about his quick response to a resident's concern.

**Public Safety -  
Law Enforcement  
Report  
Fire/Ambulance  
Department**

The Grant County Law Enforcement, Ambulance and Fire Report were reviewed.

**Old Business  
Request Approval:**

**-USDA Fire Truck  
Loan**

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved the Fire Truck Loan through the USDA.

**New Business**

**Larson Street Repair**

It will be repaved in October. Some residents complain about traffic being too fast...others complain it's too bumpy. Council decided to leave it the way it is for now.

**Tree Trimming**

A section on Iverson has some trees that need trimming close to power lines. Superintendent Johnson is getting bids.

**Request Approvals:**

**-2023-2024 Ashby  
Equity Propane  
Contract**

Tabled till next meeting...council wants to know the price before they commit.

**-Grace Johnson Fire  
Permit**

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Ellingson and unanimously carried, council approved the permit. It will now be sent to the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Solid  
Waste Report**

The report was reviewed by council.

**July City Council  
Meeting**

The next regular City Council Meeting will be on July 6th, 2023 starting at 5:30 pm at Ashby City Hall. It will be held a week earlier due to Ashby Appreciation Days.

**Adjourn**

Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Thormodson, City Clerk

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Amy Johnson, Mayor