

MINUTES
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
July 13, 2017

- Regular Meeting** A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: T. Grover, Jaenisch, Rossum, R. Grover and Stierlen. Members absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, Deputy Clerk Helle, and Attorney Walton. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Sheriff Langlie, Chief Deputy Combs, Carol Koefod, and Chad Sethre. There was also a large attendance of Ashby Residents. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Public Safety Committee Update/ Recommendation** Councilman Stierlen informed the council that the Public Safety Committee received four applications for the Chief of Police position. Of those four applicants, there was one applicant that was interviewed. After the interview it was determined that the applicant did not meet the qualifications for the position as set forth by the city. It is the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee that the council move forward with contracting law enforcement services with Grant County. There were many residents in attendance at the meeting to discuss the future of the Police Department. Sheriff Langlie was present to answer many questions of concern by the citizens. The city council expressed to the public that for the present time it is in the best interest of the City of Ashby to engage in contracted law enforcement services with the Grant County Sheriff's Department.
- Visitor's: Sheriff Langlie – Grant County Law Enforcement Contract** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to contract law enforcement services with The Grant County Sheriff's Department through 2018.
- Chad Sethre – High water usage.** Sethre reported to the council that he recently had his yard hydro-seeded on the lot where the structure was removed in 2016. Sethre will be using a high amount of water to water the grass for July and August and he asked if the council would entertain the idea of waiving the sewer charges above his highest usage over the past 12 months for the water used to water the grass. The water will be going into the ground and not into the city storm sewer. The highest amount used was 1,870 gallons. Council requested input from Superintendent Johnson to which Johnson responded that this was not a practice that has been approved in the past. Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved to waive the sewer charges for July and August for Sethre for any amount above the highest average usage of 1,870 gallons.
- Carol Koefod – Street Maintenance** Koefod was present to discuss the condition of Hawkins street that runs along her property. The road is not a maintained road and it is deteriorating rapidly. Koefod asked if the council would consider looking at the street and possibly do minimal maintenance. Council agreed that the City Engineer will look at the street with Superintendent Johnson and recommendations will be brought back to the council.
- Minutes/Claims/ Consent Agenda** Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of June 8th, 2017 and the claims & prepaid disbursements of July 13th, 2017 as presented.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- Law Enforcement Report** Council reviewed the log report as presented by the Sheriff's Department. The log lists all calls that were taken for the City of Ashby and which deputy responded to the calls.
- Fire Department Report** Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved to hire Tim Amundson as a member of the Ashby Fire Department as recommended by the Fire Department and with a successful background investigation.

Fire Department-Old Rescue Truck	Upon motion by R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council agreed to trade the Old International Rescue Truck to Balgaards for work performed mounting a compressor at the Fire Hall.
Public Works Report	<p>Superintendent Johnson reported that the ponds are doing a little better. The ABC Brewing Company spoke with Johnson regarding their output into the sanitary system. The city and ABC Brewing Company will possibly have to engage in a pre-treatment agreement. Testing will be required by ABC Brewing Company, as is with TFC Poultry, to verify how much BOD is being put into the sewer system.</p> <p>Superintendent Johnson is now fully licensed for Water and Sewer as he successfully completed his final testing in June. Johnson's hourly wage increased upon receipt of the successful completion of the licensing as agreed upon in 2015 negotiations.</p>
Unpaid Utilities at 300 Larson Ave	Council again discussed unpaid utilities at 300 Larson Ave. Mayor Grover explained to the council the discussions that he had with the owner of the property. The council felt that any waiver for water and sewer need to be approved by the full body of the city council. Council instructed Attorney Walton to draft a letter to the property owner informing her that she is to attend the August 10 th City Council Meeting to discuss her payment options before the entire council.
Club 74 – Ordinance Violation	Council received notification that the patio gate on Club 74 is being left open, which is a violation of Ordinance 112, Liquor Ordinance stating that any gate must be locked at all times except to allow for ingress and egress of handicapped individuals. Council instructed Walton to issue a notice to the establishment stating the severity of this violation if it is not addressed and resolved immediately. Continued violation could lead to a \$500 fine for a first offense and the potential to lose the liquor license issued by the city.
Resolution 2017-09, Accept Donations – Farmer's Market	Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover Resolution 2017-09 – Resolution Acknowledging Donations for Farmer's Market/Community Festival. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, Jaenisch, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
Resolution 2017-10, Accept Donation – Ashby Fire & Amb	Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover Resolution 2017-10 – Resolution Acknowledging Donations for Ashby Fire and Ambulance. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, Jaenisch, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
Resolution 2017-11, Accept Donation – Ashby Community Club Fix-It Station	Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum Resolution 2017-11 – Resolution Acknowledging Donations for Ashby Community Club Bike Fix-It Station. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, Jaenisch, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
Resolution 2017-12, Fund Transfer – Water Meters	Upon motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum Resolution 2017-12 – Resolution Allowing Transfer of Funds from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Water Fund to purchase replacement water meters. Roll Call Vote, those voting for: R. Grover, Jaenisch, T. Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried
Appreciation Days Street Blocking	Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved to close off the required streets for Ashby Appreciation Days as long as there is room for emergency vehicles.
Ashby Equity Propane Contract	Upon motion from R. Grover, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved the 100% prepay option propane contract with Ashby Equity for 2017-2018.
ABC Brewing Co. Council Approval	Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by R. Grover and unanimously carried, council approved to allow the Ashby Brewing Company (ABC Brewing), to Brew within the city limits with a signed agreement regarding the requirements with the city sewer system. Clerk Schmitz and Superintendent Johnson will work to draft an agreement.

Council was informed that Club 74 will be serving brewed samples over appreciation days. Samples are from a licensed brewer and not ABC Brewing Co. as they are not currently licensed.

Adjourn

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor