

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2022

Regular Meeting

A regular council meeting of the City of Ashby, MN was held at Ashby City Hall with the following members present: Tom Grover, Ronnie Jaenisch, Wayne Stierlen, Carrie Obright and Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson, and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Donna Fae Grover & Marcia Bowman – Garden Club, Tom Welch, Trent/Darrin Froemming, Walt Sturek and Tim Carlson – TFC Poultry, Jeff Kuhn – Widseth Engineer. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda Approval

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

Visitors:
Donna Fae
Grover/Marcia
Bowman – Garden
Club

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen, and unanimously carried, council approved for the Garden Club to replace the park sign in Thorson/Larson Park. There will be no cost to the city. All funds are available through a grant and funds through the garden club.

Tom Welch
Street/Parking
Concerns

Tom Welch was present to address concerns regarding the streets, parking and truck traffic coming in and out of TFC Poultry. Trent and Darin Froemming were present to address the questions and concerns and to explain future plans for parking as a result of the expansion. The council informed Welch that a speed sign is going to be installed on Melby Avenue in hopes to assist with the traffic speed.

Jeff Kuhn-Widseth
Nelson Street
Interruption

Engineer Kuhn was present to discuss the construction on Nelson Street to determine the next course of action. Kuhn's recommendation is to have the Public Works Committee Meet with TFC Poultry to discuss an agreement regarding the cost. The cost to repair the street and be able to withstand the truck traffic produced by TFC Poultry is significantly higher than the original plan. Stierlen will abstain from the PW Committee and J. Obright will sit in.

Approval: Right of
Way Request

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright and unanimously approved, council gave approval for the CSAH 82 project with TFC with re-routing the sewer line and installing a utility tunnel contingent upon Jeff Kuhn, Widseth Engineer, signing off on the plans and ensuring all requirements are met for tunneling and re-routing the sewer line and all permits are obtained. MNDOT will require a permit to detour CSAH 82 onto State Highway 78, Grant County will require a permit and the City of Ashby requires a Right of Way Excavation Permit.

Approval: Attorney
Start Easement
Release

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright and unanimously approved, council gave contingent approval for Attorney Anderson to begin the process of releasing the utility easement along the alley behind TFC Poultry for business expansion once Kuhn has signed off on the tunneling/re-routing the sewer line project.

Minutes/Claims/
Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Jaenisch and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of June 9th, Special Meeting of June 22nd, 2022 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of July 14th, 2022 as presented and reviewed by Mayor Grover.

Mayor/Council
Reports

Mayor Grover discussed the city looking for a location for potential expansion of a city shed. Council agreed to begin a search.

Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was reviewed.

Public Safety -
Law Enforcement
Report

Council reviewed the June 2022 log report as presented by the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

Fire/Ambulance
Department

The Ambulance and Fire Report was reviewed as presented.

Public Works
Approval: Purchase
Tires

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the purchase of new tires on the Dodge Ram and for C. Obright and Superintendent Johnson to decide the best tires to purchase.

Superintendent Johnson reported that he is currently waiting for parts to get the water plant running correctly. The new air dryer has been ordered. MPCA will be coming the first part of August for an inspection.

Old Business
Park Bathrooms
Open/Close

Council Members will lock the park bathrooms on their scheduled weekend and Public Works will open the doors when they are on weekend rounds.

Old Dodge Pick Up

The old Dodge Pick Up was sold at the auction. The city received \$4,500.

305 Melby Ave
Complaint

A complaint was received regarding the old nursing home property at 305 Melby Avenue. The property owner has contracted with someone to cut down and spray to start removing the nuisances.

New Business
Approval:
Resolution 2022-09
– Fire Dept Fund
Transfer

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by C. Obright - **Resolution 2022-09 Resolution to Transfer Funds for Fire Protection and Capital Truck Fund.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Resolution 2022-10
– Accept ARPA
Funds

Upon motion from Jaenisch, seconded by J. Obright - **Resolution 2022-10 Resolution to Accept ARPA Funds.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Jaenisch, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Approval:
Ordinance #2 – Fee
Schedule

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Jaenisch, and unanimously carried, council approved to change the fee for Special council meetings from \$350 - \$550 to reflect the change in council wages from 2021.

Approval: Street
Closure –
Appreciation Days

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by J. Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved to close the streets at the request of the Ashby Community Team for the Appreciation Days events as follows: Close Nelson Street on July 14 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm and Nelson Street by the park and Larson Avenue on Saturday July 16th for normal Appreciation Days closures.

Summer Rec Thank
You

Council reviewed a Thank you that was received by Ashby Summer Rec for the donation to the 2022 Program.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____
 Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

 Tom Grover, Mayor