

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 10, 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, Deputy Clerk Helle and Attorney Anderson. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Brian Johnson, Jill Amundson, Commissioner Walvatne, Marj Thompson, Alden and Winnie Thompson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- Agenda Approval** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by J. Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved the agenda with additions to include Legion Rib Fest Permit and the condition of the old Nursing Home building
- Visitors: Brian Johnson, Jill Amundson – Potential Cell Tower Inquiries** Brian Johnson and Jill Amundson were present to discuss the potential location for a cell tower within the city of Ashby. Attorney Anderson was present to respond to all questions presented and provide information of what the laws and regulations are. At this time there is nothing in writing and there are no actions to be taken. Attorney Anderson explained the process for enacting a moratorium would be insignificant at this time.
- Alden Thompson – Senior Center Repairs** Alden Thompson was present to discuss the condition and needed repairs of the Senior Citizens Center. Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council agreed to have a structural engineer from WSN come and inspect the building to obtain a professional opinion on the structural integrity of the building and determine if it is feasible to repair. Council also instructed Thompson that nobody should be in the building until a determination has been made.
- Jill Amundson – Safe Routes to School** Jill Amundson was present on behalf of West Central Initiative regarding Arts and Transportation related to COVID and how it can relate to Safe Routes to School. Some highlights were to put Chalk Paint on Sidewalks and at the Larson and Melby intersection. There has been a grant secured to pay for these installments. Council was in favor of hearing of the safety concerns and what options would work to improve the intersections and safety for pedestrians walking.
- Attorney Anderson – Garbage Rates** Council discussed how to move forward with changing rates on commercial dumpsters based on weight of the refuse produced. Schmitz will discuss with Jim Standish, Grant County Commissioner what our ability is to weigh garbage for higher commercial users and charge based on the tonnage used.
- Ribfest Permit – Date Change for Alternative Event** Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved to adjust the original date of the Ribfest Permit to September 19<sup>th</sup> due to a cancellation of the original date resulting from COVID. The event to take place will be for an outdoor bean bag tournament.
- Updates on Condition of the old Nursing Home Building** Council addressed the status of the Old Nursing Home Building and the concern that there has been nothing done by the property owner to make the improvements and maintenance that was required by the council. Attorney Anderson will send correspondence to Sheriff Haberer.
- Minutes/Claims/Consent Agenda** Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Stierlen and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the claims and prepaid disbursements of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented and reviewed by Mayor Grover.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.

**Approval: 2020  
Audit-CarlsonSV**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum and unanimously carried, council approved CarlsonSV to conduct the 2020 Audit.

**Public Safety:  
Grant County  
Sheriff's Office**

Council reviewed the August report from the Grant County Sheriff's Office.

**Ambulance/Fire  
Report**

The Ambulance and Fire Report was reviewed as presented.

**Public Works**

The Public Works report was reviewed. Johnson reported that an Energy Analysis was completed in the Water Plant and it recommended LED Lights, which the city has already done. Discharging will start on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval –  
Clean/Paint Inside  
the tower**

Upon motion from Stierlen, Second by C. Obright and unanimously carried, council approved to have Water Clean and Coat grind rust and re-epoxy the inside of the tower for a cost of \$2,500. The water tower has rusting paint inside that needs to be repaired.

**Approval – Media  
Test in Water Plant**

Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved to have a media test in the filter at the Water Plant for a cost of \$800 to analyze the condition of the filter.

**New Business  
2021 General Fund  
Budget**

Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Stierlen, and unanimously carried, council approved the 2021 General Fund Budget as presented and reviewed by the Budget Committee.

**Resolution 2020-13  
GF Levy**

Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by C. Obright - **Resolution 2020-13 Resolution to Approve the 2021 General Fund Levy.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2020-14  
CARES Money  
Expenditures**

Upon motion from C. Obright, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2020-14 Resolution to Approve the CARES Act Expenditures** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2020-15  
Ambulance  
Donation**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2020-15 Resolution to Accept a Donation to the Ashby Ambulance Department.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: J. Obright, C. Obright, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Approval - Chrome  
Books**

Upon motion from J. Obright, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved to purchase Chrome Books for the council members with CARES Act Monies.

**Adjourn**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

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Tom Grover, Mayor