

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2019

- 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, Heather Rossum, Wayne Stierlen, Carrie Jante and Jeremy Obright Absent: None. Also present: Clerk Schmitz, Superintendent Johnson and Deputy Clerk Helle. Absent: None. Visitor's Present: Rebecca Lynn Peterson & Samantha VanWechel-Meyer– West Central Initiative, Winnie & Alden Thompson. Mayor Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Approval** Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.
- Visitors:**
Rebecca Lynn Peterson – West Central Initiative Rebecca Lynn Peterson was present to update the council on how the city's contribution is being used through West Central Initiative. The request was made by Peterson for the city to consider an increase in the annual contribution from \$500 to \$600 in 2020 and \$750 in 2021 & 2022. Upon motion by Stierlen, seconded by Jante, and unanimously carried, council agreed to continue to support the efforts of West Central Initiative through the increases requested.
- Minutes/Claims/Consent Agenda** Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Stierlen, and unanimously carried, council approved the consent agenda which includes minutes of the regular council meeting of August 8th, 2019, and the claims and prepaid disbursements of September 12th, 2019 as presented and reviewed by Council Member Obright.
- Mayor Report** Mayor Grover addressed that the current Assessment Policy needs to be reviewed and present some possible changes. The council will meet for a Work Shop to discuss the Assessment Policy with WSN Engineer Jeff Kuhn prior to the October 10th council meeting. Schmitz will contact Kuhn to select some possible dates and inform council of the scheduled time and date.
- Council Report** Stierlen reported that a soil test was completed by the Equity at the triangle by Highway 78 at the council's request and it is determined that there is nothing that can grow in that area as the soil is high in several elements that will not allow growth.
- Clerk's Report** The clerk's report was reviewed.
- Carlson SV 2019 Audit Approval** Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved to have CarlsonSV conduct the 2019 City Audit.
- Public Safety - Law Enforcement Report** Council reviewed the August 2019 log report as presented by the Sheriff's Department.
- Fire/Ambulance Department** The Fire/Ambulance report was reviewed.
- CD Closures for Ambulance Purchase** Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Stierlen, and unanimously carried, council approved the closure of the Ambulance Department CD's at maturity and be placed in the Savings Account at First State Bank to be used for purchase of the new Ambulance.
- Purchase New Door – Fire Hall** Upon motion from Jante, seconded by Obright, and unanimously carried, council approved for the Fire Department to purchase a new overhead door for the Fire Hall at a cost of approximately \$3,500.
- Arrow EMS Report** Ben Johnson reported that Arrow EMS is preparing the blended EMT Class. Lynn Siegel will possibly instruct some groups in Wheaton for renewals this winter depending on pricing approval. Johnson is also working with Dalton to get their EMS squad renewed.

Public Works

Superintendent Johnson reported that the Water Tower has been pressure washed and looks good. The gutters have been replaced on the North side of City Hall/Fire Hall. Riley Brothers completed the work on Birch Ave with the exception of some crosswalks that need to be repainted. The concrete from the Highway 82 project from last year has been replaced.

Purchase New Tractor

The Kubota tractor is having more problems that will be quite costly to fix. Superintendent Johnson is requesting that it is time to purchase a new tractor. There were several bids presented from Alex Power, Midwest Machine and Titan Machine. Johnson also presented some options on leasing a tractor. Upon motion from Stierlen, seconded by Jante, and unanimously carried, council approved to purchase the Case IH tractor & loader.

**New Business
Resolution 2019-10
Certify Delinquent
Fire Calls to Taxes**

Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Rossum - **Resolution 2019-10 – Resolution Certifying Delinquent Fire Calls to Property Taxes** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: Obright, Jante, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**General Fund
Budget Approval**

Upon motion from Jante, seconded by Rossum, and unanimously carried, council approved the General Fund Budget as presented and recommended by the Budget Committee.

**Resolution 2019-11
Approve 2020
Preliminary Levy**

Upon motion from Obright, seconded by Jante - **Resolution 2019-11 Resolution Approving the 2020 Preliminary Levy.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: Obright, Jante, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

**Resolution 2019-12
Certify Delinquent
Utilities**

Upon motion from Rossum, seconded by Obright - **Resolution 2019-12 Resolution Certifying Delinquent Utilities.** Roll Call Vote, those voting for: Obright, Jante, Grover, Rossum, Stierlen. Those voting against: None. Carried

Adjourn

Upon motion from Jante, seconded by Rossum, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Schmitz, City Clerk

Tom Grover, Mayor