

Ashley Village Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2024

The regular council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ann Paksi.

Roll call was taken with, Ann Paksi, Dave Foote, David Kimball, Doug Schneider, Robert Studt, Mike Turner, Michelle Fitzpatrick-Clerk/Treasurer, Paul Beck-DPW Supervisor, Chris Lambert-Deputy Clerk. Absent: 0

Visitors: Christina Worden – Inquired about purchasing property #41-150-028-50 states she is mowing and caring for property since she has lived at the adjacent property. Rob and Char Paksi presented with Purchase Order for properties 41-150-029-00 & 41-400-416-00.

A. Brown took Oath of Office and joined the council members.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to approve the 04/11/2024 agenda. Supported **D. Kimball**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024 as presented. Supported by **D. Schneider**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to approve the check register March 15, 2024 through April 11, 2024 Supported, **D. Kimball**. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Jane Unterbrink presented updates for the Village of Ashley Country Christmas.

R. Studt gave updates on the Planning Commission meetings.

Paksi property purchase ordered was received by Char and Rob Paksi. After review and discussion council requested that I send a copy to each trustee to review the purchase order to be discussed at a later date.

Old Business:

Clerk/Treasurer Fitzpatrick discussed the response from the attorney regarding the contract with Casair/Point Broadband.

After review and discussion council requested I ask attorney about the services that Point Broadband does not offer on the contract that Casair did.

After review and discussion, it was requested that Open Bids be taken for the Depot roof repair and put in the Meridian Weekly that we are taking bids until May 6, 2024 until 4pm.

After review and discussion, it was requested that Open Bids be taken for the Village Mowing and put in the Meridian Weekly that we are taking bids until May 6, 2024 until 4pm.

After review and discussion, the request by AAFA to give them a one-time yearly fee for water bill was denied.

DPW Supervisor informed council that last year's seasonal employee Larry Moulton accepted the offer to come back this year as seasonal laborer and will start on April 20, 2024.

New Business:

President Paksi introduced the new Deputy Clerk Chris Lambert.

Planning Commission Ordinance 2016-01 was reviewed and discussed.

After review and discussion **D. Foote** motioned to accept the Gratiot County Blight Eradication Service renewal. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

Trustee R. Studt presented with a quote from Central Asphalt for street paving. After review and discussion council requested to table for further discussion next month.

Trustee R. Studt discussed the need for updated street signs. After review and discussion council requested that DPW Supervisor Paul Beck begin taking inventory of needed signs and order new ones.

Clerk/Treasurer brought a quote for new phone service to council stating the need for a change due to the increase of current phone bill.

Trustee Kimball brought attention to the sled hill is being used by motorized vehicles. After review and discussion, it was requested that a NO TRESPASSING sign be put on the hill to deter any more usage.

Trustee Kimball stated that a Facebook page has been created for "Ashley Happenings" by the Promotional Committee.

D. Kimball motioned to adjourn regular council meeting at 8:59pm. Supported by **D. Schneider**. Motion Carried.

Ann Paksi, Village President

Michelle Fitzpatrick, Village Clerk