

The Greenbush City Council's Regular Meeting was held on August 15th, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community

Council Present in Person: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

Others Present in Person: Gary Gambill, Alvin Bertilrud, Neil Novacek, Jerry Maxwell, Jamen Foss, Dustin Wahl, Kayla Wahl, Ryan Bergeron, Shaun Jevne, Hanna Black and Lynsi Hansen

Public Comments- Gary Gambill asked if the council had any advice on how to stop his neighbor from blowing grass clippings into his yard. Gary mentioned how he has a ring camera on the side of his house that shows his neighbor mowing and dumping grass clippings on Gambills property.

NWRL Budget Request

Jim Trojanowski from the Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) attended the meeting asking for a 3% budget increase. The library plans on bringing in more online options that can be accessed at home. You will need a library card to access these programs. Coming soon- Creative Bug, Job Search, and Discovery Layer. Jim also mentioned that if you show your library card to any State Park in Minnesota, you can receive a free day pass.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Tim Truscinski approval to increase the NWRL contribution by 3% for 2024.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, Tim Truscinski

Airbnb in Greenbush

Dustin and Kayla Wahl purchased a house at 139 5th Street South, Greenbush. They have turned the residential home into an Airbnb. The Wahls wanted to inform the council and to ask about zoning. Currently the house is zoned for residential.

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh approval of leaving the zoning property as residential.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, Tim Truscinski

Dumping Compost- Commercial

Neil Novacek attended the meeting and had questions about commercial compost dumping. The City of Greenbush is revising their policy on dumping concrete and prices to dump at the site.

Garbage Contract Bids

The City of Greenbush received two garbage contract bids. The current garbage bid proposal was very vague and the council agreed that they need to be more exact on what they want on the bid request.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern approval of tabling the garbage contract until the next regular council meeting, on September 19th, 2023, and having a work session to complete the bid request.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, Tim Truscinski

Neglected Property

Trish Brennan, a local resident, is planning on selling her home at 536 Park Avenue West, Greenbush. She lives right next to the old Krueger Clinic. The property has been vacant since 2018. Council Member Shawn Walsh mentioned how a realtor is working on selling the property.

Personnel Policy Update

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Shawn Walsh approval of adding Juneteenth as an observed Holiday.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, Tim Truscinski

FY2022 Audit

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Shawn Walsh approval to accept the FY2022 audit as presented at the June 20th regular council meeting.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, Tim Truscinski

City Webpage/Credit Card Payment System

The council is looking at two different companies and would like to gather more information before deciding.

Legion Park Electric Sites

Still waiting for electric quotes.

2024 Fireworks

M/S/P Tim Truscinski/ Josh Kern approval of having the fireworks be held on July 3rd, 2024.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, Tim Truscinski

Old City Shop/Stem Center

The local commerce committee will meet with Russ Anderson to work on an agreement between GMR Robotics and the City.

Old Water Tower Playground Equipment

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Shawn Walsh approval of moving the old playground equipment back to the water tower park. The playground equipment will be placed on the volleyball court.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, Tim Truscinski

Community Center Wall

Public Works Technician Chad Rud will be fixing the community center wall.

Committee Reports

Wastewater- Fire Hall sewer is fixed.

Streets- Waiting on the paving project to start at the intersection of 2nd Street North to Poplar Avenue West. Summer Help has been busy painting curbs.

Pool- New floor cleaner and spin mop have been purchased. The Pool's last day is August 25th, 2023.

Consent Agenda

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern to approve the consent agenda items with revised bills and minutes (Minutes/Bills-Revised/Receipts).

In favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30pm, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, 2023.

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

This meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Eric Etherington
Mayor

Lynsi Hansen
Clerk-Treasurer