

The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on December 20th, at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community Center.

Council Present in Person: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Others Present in Person: Dustin Fanfulik, Mary Stauffenecker, Ryan Bergeron, Randy Jensen, Shaun Jevne and Lynsi Emery

Other Present via Electronic Methods:

2022 South Main Water Main Replacement

To move forward on the South Main Street project for 2022

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern motion to proceed the next step to order the work and authorize preparation of plans and specifications.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Fire Contracts

Randy Jensen was in to talk about the increase for maintenance and fuel and how the rates for fire contracts will be increased to 69,000. The city covers half of the cost, leaving the townships to cover the other half. Each Township is expected to pay the amount that has increased in 2022 for the next three years.

M/S/P Christine Foss/ Dennis approve the increase rates and propose fire contracts to townships for three years.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Fire Hall- New Boiler

Darrin Dvergsten will be sending an invoice to the city for the new boiler. Randy asked if the city would pay for it using the excess dollar amount from fire call fees in 2021.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/ Christine Foss approved to covering the cost and paying for it out of the fire call fee funds.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Greenbush Community Partners Donation Fund Request

Mary Stauffenecker was in to share how the shop local campaign brought in a lot of out of towners to the community and updating us with more information on the walking path. The Greenbush Community Partners Fund has raised a total of \$28,362 for the year 2021. The GCP goal for the end of the year was to be at \$50,000, making them \$21,638 short. The GCP asked the city if they would donate the remaining balance to help them reach their goal for 2021. The total cost for the walking path is \$413,949.25. The city received a Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN DOT) grant of \$265,586 for the project, leaving approximately \$148,363.25 needed to be raised by 2024. Mary also asked the council if the city would be willing to provide the GCP with \$10,000 yearly to help cover advertising and Insurance cost for events. As of now the GCP has been paying for the costs from the donations they get to help cover the expenses. The council talked about starting a tourism fund budget account to possibly help with costs.

6:00 pm

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to convene the regular meeting so the Truth in Taxation meeting can be held. The regular meeting will reconvene after the Truth in Taxation Meeting.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

****Truth in Taxation Meeting****

Council Present in Person: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Council Present via Electronic Methods:

Others Present in Person: Mary Stauffenecker, Ryan Bergeron, Shaun Jevne, and Lynsi Emery

Other Present via Electronic Methods:

The proposed 2022 General fund and Miscellaneous budget

The preliminary 2022 overall levy was set at \$336,733.00. This is an increase of \$14,550.00 or 7.2%. This is due to ordinary inflation expenses to operate the city. The most significant increases in the budget are wages, costs associated with wages, and general expense increases.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/ Josh Kern approved and accepted the proposed 2022 Truth and Taxation Information

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Josh Kern to adjourn the Truth in Taxation meeting.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to reconvene the regular meeting.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

The regular council meeting reconvened at 6:09 pm

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Dennis Filer approved to donate \$25,000 to the Greenbush Community Partner fund from the donation fund to go towards the walking path.

In Favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Bid Proposal for MISC Meter Reading Equipment

Shaun Jevne was in to talk about updating and replacing the old handheld for water meter readings. The council said to come back to the next meeting on January 18th 2022, once he's figured out what it would cost to install all new meters and handhelds for water usage.

Housing Loan Pool

The council needs to appoint Lynsi Emery to the Roseau County affordable housing fund for the City of Greenbush.

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Shawn Walsh approved to appointing Lynsi Emery to serve and represent as the Housing Loan director for the City of Greenbush.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Training wage for Anita Locken

Anita Locken has been coming in to help train Lynsi Emery for the new city clerk position. Anita asked to be paid the wage she was making before she left on October 8th, 2021.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Dennis Filer approved to reinstating Anita Locken as a part-time employee paying her at her previous wage during the training period for the new city clerk.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

City Pool Parking lot 2022

The Pool is owned by the City of Greenbush, but the parking lot for the Greenbush Pool is owned by the Greenbush-Middle River School. There has been talk about fixing and reconstruction being done for the parking lot in 2022. The County is currently waiting on bids to move forward on this situation.

Farm Lease

The farm lease on the properties north of the city shop and on the old airport property are up for lease. The council will need to approve for bids to go out and then to discuss next meetings on January 18th, 2022, what bids they will accept.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss approving for the two properties to be out for bid.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Blight Notices

Ordinance No. 95 Nuisances and Offenses blight warning notice has been sent to the addresses: 247 4th Street S and 167 Johnson Ave W. They have 10 days to clean up otherwise they get a violation of \$60.

Sewer Increase 2022

Would like to rescind the sewer bond levy of the 2006- \$250,000 that was passed with Resolution No 2021-13 on September 20th, 2021.

M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer to approve Resolution No 2021-15 to rescind Resolution 2021-13. The Final levied amount of the 2006- \$250,000 GO sewer bond is to be \$14,599.51 for the tax year 2022.

2022 Wages (Full-time and part-time)

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Dennis Filer to approve wage increase of 3% for all for full- time employees.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

2021 Pay Increase for Public Works Employee

Chad Rud has asked the council for a pay raise of \$19.91 since he completed the pool courses/tests.

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh approved for Chad Rud to receive the new wage of \$19.91.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Performance Awards

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Christine Foss to approve performance awards of \$250.00 for full-time employees and \$100.00 for the part-time employee.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

2022 Proposed Budgets

M/S/P Eric Etherington/Dennis Filer to approve Resolution 2021-16 Approving Final 2022 Budgets for the General Fund and other Miscellaneous Funds.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Final 2022 Tax Levy

M/S/P Eric Etherington/Shawn Walsh to approve Resolution 2021-17 Approving Final 2021 tax Levy, Collectible in 2022. General Fund \$322,183.00, 2006 Sewer Bonds Levy \$14,599.51, total levy \$336,782.51.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Committee/ Public works Report

Public works has been busy getting the ice rink up and ready for indoor and outdoor, pushing snow and working/ cleaning in the shop.

Consent Agenda

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

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30pm Tuesday January 18th, Tuesday February 22nd, and March 21st

M/S/P Christine Foss/Josh Kern to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

This meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Eric Etherington
Mayor

Lynsi Emery
Clerk-Treasurer