

The Greenbush City Council's Regular Meeting was held on July 18th, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community Center.

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

Others Present in Person: Candice Langaas, Gary Gambill, Shaun Jevne, Hanna Black and Lynsi Hansen

Public Comments- Gary Gambill had mentioned how he tunes pianos and would like to tune the community center piano. The Council mentioned that Mike Korczak had donated a piano to the Community Center. Gambill said he would look at both pianos, and let the council know which one would be worth keeping.

Appointing an Acting Mayor

The city needs to appoint an acting mayor due to Dennis Filer resigning from the council member/acting mayor position in January 2023. Council Member Christine Foss has been on the Council the longest, and was nominate by the rest of the council members to be the new acting mayor.

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Shawn Walsh approval of appointing Council Member Christine Foss as the Acting Mayor.

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

Resolution 2023-08 Annual Appointments & Misc. Business

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Tim Truscinski approval of accepting the Annual Appointments and Misc. Businesses.

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

Fireworks 2024

The city would like to change the location of where they set up fireworks for 2024. Option 1: move it to the race park (not on a Saturday), or Option 2: set up on the old airport property. The city is hoping to do the fireworks on Friday July 5th, 2024, but waiting to confirm with Premier Pyrotechnics, Inc.

Legion Park Electric Sites

The city is still waiting on electric quotes to increase the 30-amp breakers at the legion park to 50 amp in the existing six campsites. The city is also looking to install an additional seven electric sites. Currently the city has six electric campsites with seven tent sites. The city would like to put electricity and water where the tent sites are located.

Legion Park/CC Rent

Clerk Hansen had shared with the council about how people have been turning away from renting the center and park after the rates increased to \$100.00. Council member Josh Kern shared how he likes to see the space being used and that's the important part of having the center.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Tim Truscinski approval of changing the Legion Park/Jaycee Shelter rent to \$40.00 up to 50 people. For every additional 20 people it will be an extra \$20.00 charge.

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

M/S/P Josh Kern/Tim Truscinski approval of changing the community center rent back to \$60.00.

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

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh approval of giving those who rented the community center/Legion Park shelter a credit the next time they use the space.

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

City Webpage/Credit Card Payment System

The city's website page will be up for renewal at the end of August. Clerk Hansen mentioned how she would like to find something better, as the website they are using now is not user friendly and is very expensive. Hansen shared that she reached out to gWorks Software (the company that bought out the city's utility billing program) and was waiting to hear back on quotes.

RCCA Prepay

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Christine Foss approval of prepaying 9,200 gallons at \$1.59 per gallon from September 1st, 2023, to April 30th, 2024. The final cost is \$14,628.00.

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

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Christine approval of doing the propane summer fill for the city/county shop, old city shop, water treatment plant, library/community center, fire hall, pool, and rink.

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

City Office- Security

Clerk Hansen wanted to share her concern of safety at the city office. "Anybody and anyone can just walk right in, upset or armed and I'd have no way to defend myself." Hansen mentioned putting in a half door or a payment window to help eliminate the traffic and help with security purposes. Council Member Tim Truscinski asked about putting in cameras outside the city office/community center. Hansen mentioned how there is a safety grant that will match 100% of the funds. The council asked for Hansen to get quotes on cameras, a half door, and the cost to install a payment window.

Garbage Contract/Bids

The Greenbush Sanitation contract is up for renewal on September 30th, 2023. The Local Commerce Committee will be meeting to review and discuss the contract.

FY2022 Audit

Table until next month.

6th Street North Park Fence

The city has decided to leave the park as is, and no fence will be going up at this time.

Community Center Wall

Still waiting for quotes.

Old City Shop/Stem Center

Mayor Etherington had briefly talked with Russ Anderson, Jonathan Prevost, and David Pittman regarding the stem center. GMR Robotics is looking into purchasing a new building, they are looking for sponsors to help donate. Eric and Tim will be meeting with the robotic mentors, to discuss further action.

Committee Reports

Water- Flushing hydrants, applied for a grant for the lead inventory, and installing a new water valve casting on 2nd Street and Popular Avenue.

Wastewater- Checking ponds and putting in more mega bugs. Waiting for quotes for sewer casting.

Parks- Installed the new playground equipment at the Water Tower Park. The Parks and Recreation Committee will need to meet to discuss the location of where to put the old playground equipment. Option 1: move to the Welcome Park, Option 2: leave it at the water tower park in the location of the volleyball court.

Streets- Painting curbs, and crack ceilings.

Pool- New floor cleaner has been purchased for the pool floors.

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, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30pm, August 15th, September 19th, and October 17th, 2023.

M/S/P Tim Truscinski/ Josh Kern to adjourn the meeting.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Eric Etherington
Mayor

Lynsi Hansen
Clerk-Treasurer