

The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on April 18th, 2022, 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: Scott Waage, Ryan Bergeron, Jeffery Peterson, Vernon Emery, Shaun Jevne, and Lynsi Emery

Other Present via Electronic Methods: Jerry Brekke, Andrew and Alysha Rood

Public Comments

Jeffery Peterson was there to make a comment about his neighbor's dogs and how they never stop barking. He was wondering if there could be something done about it. He mentioned that he spoke with his neighbors about the situation and others are annoyed with the continuous barking as well. Jeffery shared that it barks every time it sees a car/person go by. Solutions recommended were having the owners put up a higher/wood fence so it can't see out.

Vernon Emery-Utility Bill

Vernon Emery was there to discuss his water bill. He noticed after the city had put in the new watermain project in the summer of 2021, that his water bill had gone up. He first assumed that the water rates increased, but when talking with another citizen in town about their water rates he realized something wasn't right. Before the meeting Vernon had one of the public work employees come and check out his house, making sure there wasn't a leak or running faucet/toilet. Nothing was out of the ordinary, so Vernon is wondering why he's getting charged so much for being a single resident.

M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer approve to have the public works recheck the water meter to make sure it's currently working, if not then they approve to putting in a new water meter at Vernon Emery's house.

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

Lions Community Recognition Signs

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis approve to putting the Lions recognition Logo signs on the three Greenbush population signs.

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

JLC Racing Liquor License Renewal

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh approve the Greenbush Race Park to sell liquor at the races for the summer 2022.

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

Clerk Institute: 3-year program

Lynsi Emery will be taking part at the clerk institute program down in St. Cloud on May 9th-13th. The program is offered once a year, with a limited enrollment. Lynsi shared that she applied and received a grant to help pay for the program classes.

Clean-up Week

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh approve for the City of Greenbush to have Clean-up week May 9th-13th, 2022.

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

Water Shut Off for snowbirds/vacation residents

The council would like for Lynsi to write up something for when sunbirds go down south, or when others go on vacation, and don't want to be charged for services. In order for them to receive and sort of credit they will need to have the public works come and shut off, otherwise they will have to pay for the services.

Grant Approval

The council discussed this in the public hearing and approved it then.

Delinquent Accounts

Lynsi had mentioned to the council that since she has started it has been the same 10-12 people who continue to be on the Delinquent notice. This winter was awful, and it honestly wasn't fair for the public works who would have to dig out resident's curb stops to shut off their water, only for them to finally come and pay an hour after it was turned off. The Council recommended talking with other clerks to see what they do in their city for delinquent accounts.

Voided Checks approval 2021

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Josh Kern approve the voided checks for the year 2021.

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

Resolution for Committing Excess Funds

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Shawn Walsh to approve Resolution 2022-04 Committing Excess Funds.

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

Resolution for Annual Appointments and Miscellaneous Business

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Dennis Filer to approve Resolution 2022-05 Annual Appointments and Miscellaneous Business.

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

DSG/ Core & Main/ Badger Meters

The council looked over all the quotes from all three companies and the best fit for the city was to go with Badger Meters. The city needs a new handheld, and new water meter readers. Shaun is waiting on the quotes for the larger meter readers that would need to be replaced. The council would like to have the larger meters installed first as they are the ones with the biggest issues, once those are replaced the plan is to replace household meters.

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Shawn Walsh approve to ordering a new handheld reader the Trimble DC 600 costing \$1,800 from Badger Meters.

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

Pool Wages/Rates

M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer approve starting wage for Lifeguards is \$12.50 an hour and Pool manager is \$15.00 an hour with a \$0.25 increase each year they return.

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

M/S/P Josh Kern/Christine Foss approve to increasing \$10.00 more from last year for swimming lessons, swim passes, and pool party fees. Summer of 2022 Pool fees-

Swimming Lessons: \$60.00

Season Pass (one person): \$90.00

3-Day Family Pass: \$70.00

7-Day Family Pass: \$125.00

Season Family Pass: \$195.00

Season Family Pass w/Lessons: \$285.00

Pool Party Rates-

20 or less people \$50.00 per hour

61-80 people \$80.00

21-40 people \$60.00 per hour

81 and over \$90.00 per hour

41-60 people \$70.00 per hour

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

M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer approve to having the pool hours be split in two swim sessions.

The first swim session would be \$5.00 from 1-4:30pm (Lifeguards coming in at 12:30pm to setup). Lifeguard break from 4:30- 5pm. The second shift would be \$5.00 from 5-8pm (Lifeguards staying on until 8:30pm to cover pool). Pool hours for Summer 2022: Monday-Friday 1:00pm-4:30pm and 5:00pm-8pm Saturday and Sunday 1:00pm-6pm.

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

Lil' Chompers Property

The Lil' Chompers were able to find property that will work for them to put in a new childcare center. Location was not discussed as it's still private.

Blight Notices

The residents at 167 Johnson Avenue West and 247 4th Street South will receive certified letters giving them 10 days to clean up their yard or the city will contact law enforcement to handle the situation.

Committee/ Public works Report

Public works has been busy with freezing sewer pipes, work orders, and hauling and pushing snow. (Yes, I said that correctly, still pushing snow)

Consent Agenda

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh 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, and Josh Kern

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30pm May 16th, June 20th, and July 18th, 2022.

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

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Eric Etherington
Mayor

Lynsi Emery
Clerk-Treasurer