

The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on August 16, 2021, at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community Center.

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

Others Present in Person: Tim Truscinski, Erin Eeg, Judy Pulczynski, Ryan Bergeron, Anita Locken

Council via Electronic Methods: Josh Kern

Other Present via Electronic Methods: Dylan and Sian Langevin

Street Maintenance

Tim Truscinski was in to give the city council his opinion on asphalt maintenance. He stated that the asphalt on Poplar Ave has dips in it and that these dips are due to cracks not being filled. He noted that asphalt next to valley gutters needs to be replaced with a hot mix, not a cold patch or gravel. He said that MN Ave is already starting to crack. He wants the council to start looking at these issues. He thinks that a chip seal would help extend the life of the asphalt. He also thinks the 2nd lift of asphalt needs to be put on this year instead of spring. He is worried that the curb and gutter will be cracked and chipped from snow removal. He feels that sump pumps should not be allowed to be pumped into the street. He thinks that people should put that water on their lawns. He is worried the stamped sidewalk will sink as the red dropped before.

NW Regional Library System

NW Regional Library Board Member Judy Pulczynski attended the council meeting in place of the system director. She stated that NWRL is asking the city for a 1% budget increase for the upcoming year. The city has historically increased the budget for the library by 2%.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to increase the NW Regional Library contribution by 2% for 2022.

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

Greenbush Motor Sports

Erin and Stuart Eeg would like out of their lease with the city and have Dylan, and Sian Langevin take over. At this time, Dylan and Sian are the ones that are taking care of the dirt bike track and scheduling the races. The lease can't be transferred. The Eeg's lease needs to be terminated, and a new lease with the Langevin's needs to be entered into once the other lease is terminated.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Shawn Walsh to end the current dirt bike track lease with Erin and Stuart Eeg

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

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to enter into the proposed dirt bike track lease with Dylan and Sian Langevin.

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

408 Old Hwy 32 Easement

The city has a blanket sewer easement on the property at 408 Old Hwy 32. This property is in the process of being sold. The easement needs to be updated to cover the area in which the sewer line is located.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to approved the updated easement for 408 Old Hwy 32.

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

Ordinance Violations

The following people were give Ordinance No 95 violations:

Brad & Anita Olson	125 4th St S	Unlicensed vehicle
Joel Brichacek	810 MN Ave W and 220 Oakview Drive	Unlicensed & inoperable vehicles
Greenbush Lumber	239 4th St N	Unlicensed & inoperable vehicle
Roxane Hoverson	534 4th St N	Unlicensed & inoperable vehicle

They did not respond to the request to deal with the issue by the abatement date. The next step in the process is that the council has to set up a hearing for these individuals to discuss the issue. If they don't come to the hearing, the council has to decide how to abate the violation.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to hold the ordinance violation hearing on September 20th at 5:00 pm.

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

PFA Prepaid Assessments

Recently the city's MN PFA Loan Officer Mary Jane Schultz contacted the city clerk concerning the PFA loan requirement that if the city receives any prepayments on assessments, those prepayments need to be paid to MN PFA. The loan officer only became aware of this requirement shortly before she contacted the city clerk. The city clerk and auditors were unaware of this requirement. The city has received prepayments on 4 of the previous projects. At this time, the city owes MN PFA \$99,664.78 for those prepayments. This amount has to be paid by October 29, 2021. Once MN PFA receives the payment, they will re-amortize the city's loans. This payment to MN PFA will reduce the city's annual repayment amount by \$8,000-\$10,000 each year. If anyone prepays assessments for the 2021 water main project, those prepayments would be paid to MN PFA with the city's February loan payment.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Shawn Walsh to pay the previously missed prepayments of assessments to MN PFA in the amount of \$99,664.78 by the October 29, 2021 deadline.

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

Main St Water Project

After reviewing the funds available for the city costs associated with the street and street light portion of the Main St project, the city will be short approximately \$21,000. The council was aware of this issue but has to decide where the funds to cover this amount will come from. The city has this amount in the General Fund reserves. Another thought is to possibly use some of the donation fund to cover a portion of the city's costs for the street light.

The water main is completed from Hwy 11 to Johnson Ave. At this time, they are hoping to finish the sidewalk work by the end of the week. Old Hwy 11 is going to be milled and overlaid by the County. We hope to have the sidewalks done first so people can drive on Main St while Old Hwy 11 work is being completed.

Welcome Park Bridge

We are waiting on permits to complete this work.

County Law Enforcement Coverage

County Commissioner Wicklund has not got back to the city on this issue. Sheriff Gust is supposed to be getting the city information on costs. State Troopers and DNR officers have been in the city addressing the golf cart and ATV issues. At this time, the city has no designated patrol hours.

Proposed Budget

The council was provided an updated proposed budget as previously discussed. The main increases come from increases in expenses on items and wages. The proposed wages are based on the current cost of living allowance for our area and aligning wages with area wages. The proposed General fund levy is a 7% increase. The council could reduce the overall levy is to reduce the amount levied for the 2006 Sewer bond. At this time, the principal payment amount is levied each year. The sewer fund is currently collecting more revenue than expenses. The council could reduce the sewer levy amount by \$10,000. This change would reduce the overall levy amount to about 3.8%. A proposed resolution to make this change can be put in the September agenda packet. Also, the council still needs to decide whether they want to close the Sanitation fund and move it to the General Fund. The latest that decision can wait until is the December meeting.

LP Pre-Pay

The last time the city prepaid for LP was in 2015. The city has had mixed results on prepaying. The amount of the current average LP use is \$15,000.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Josh Kern to summer fill all of the LP tanks and not prepay LP.

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

Complaint

Consent Agenda

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

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

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm, September 20, October 18, and November 15th

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

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Eric Etherington
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer