

The regular meeting of the Greenbush City Council was held August 20, 2018 in the Greenbush Library Conference Room at 5:30 pm.

Members present: Council Members Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

Others Present: Bernie Nelson, Mary Anderson, Russ Anderson, Alan Truscinski, Randy Jenson, Shaun Jevne, Ryan Bergeron, Anita Locken

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Golf Course

Bernie Nelson representing Oakview Golf asked council if the city could help purchase new ball washers for the course. 9 ball washers need to be replaced. The cost for the replacements would be \$3,200.

M/S/P Eric Etherington/Dennis Filer to donate \$3,200 to the Oakview Golf Course to purchase 9 new ball washers. The funds for this are to come from the Donation Fund.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

Fire Department

The fire department would like to continue the Junior Fire Fighter program again during the next school year. The teachers at the school did see a boost in the confidence of the individuals that took part in this program. The Shriners have donated \$1,000 towards this program.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Scott Waage to approve the Junior Explorers program for the 2018/2019 school year.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

A request for junior explorers clothing was tabled until a concrete number of participants is known. The estimated cost is \$110-\$150 per participant. The firemen can handle a class that has up to 16 participants. The cost for the used 800 radios has increased from \$190 to \$320 per radio.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Eric Etherington to approve the higher cost of the used 800 radios. Funds for these radios will come from the Fire Department Equipment Fund.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

The fire department has been asked to take part in a FEMA grant for 800 radios. This grant application would be in conjunction with other Kittson, Marshall and Roseau County fire departments. If the grant is awarded each department would receive 5-6 radios. There is a 5% match requirement for this grant. If awarded it would take approximately 1.5 years to receive the radios. The fire department is also looking at a grant application for new washing machines for FD gear. The grant is available through the State Fire Marshal. There is a 10% match requirement with this grant. The approximate cost of the machines would \$14,000-\$16,000.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Scott Waage to approve the Fire Department participation in both grant applications.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

The department is wondering if an 18-year-old high school student can join the fire department. The fire department bylaws allow an 18-year-old. They need to stay within their guidelines for the number of members. Research on this matter will be conducted.

Excess Fire Equipment

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Eric Etherington to declare the 1981 GMC Fire Truck and the 1988 Ford Econo Van as excess equipment and put them out on bids.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

2019 HRA Levy Legislation Support Letter Request

M/S/P Scott Waage/Christine Foss to approve a letter of support for the 2019 Northwest Minnesota Multi-County HRA Levy Legislation.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

Solid Waste Contract

The solid waste contract with Greenbush Sanitation has expired and needs to be put out on bids.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Scott Waage to put the solid waste contract out for bids.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

Abstained- Christine Foss

Robotics Using Old City Shop

Russ and Mary Anderson contacted Mayor Sather to see if the old city shop could be used by the GMR Robotics team. Right now, they use Hlucny Repair's building for 6 weeks during the build, DRB Fabrication building for practice 8 months of the year. They do not have a storage area large enough. The majority of this program is run off the school campus. The team needs a space that they could use year-round. There are different levels for Robotics K-12. We don't currently have all levels due to the lack of space for the program. If the robotics team can use the shop they will be moving all practice and build time to one location. They would need a space that is approximately 27' x 54'. The space would need electricity, heat and WIFI. The robotics team is self-supporting and usually has an annual budget of \$55,000. We would need to work out the liability issues for the team to use the space. We also need to check on the requirements for a potential lease agreement.

Investment Options

Council was presented with 2 investment options for the CDs that need to be reinvested. Border State Bank is offering the CDARS program and traditional CDs. The CDARS program is a CD program for public funds. The funds are spread across multiple banks so that they are covered by the FDIC insurance and do not need pledging to cover them. The CDARS interest rates are: 6 months at 1.85%, 1 year at 2.15% and 2 years at 2.3%. The traditional CD rates at Border State Bank are: 6 months at 1.75%, 1 year at 2.05% and 2 years at 2.2%. Another option is the 4M Fund (Minnesota Municipal Money Market Fund). Their cd rates are: 3 months at 1.9%, 6 months at 2.1%, 1 year at 2.4%, 2 years at 2.8%, 3 years at 3% and 5 years at 3.35%. The city will be reinvesting \$500,000 (General Fund- \$200,000, Water Fund- \$130,000, Sewer Fund- \$70,000 and Sanitation Fund-\$100,000). The recommendation for the length for these CDs is 24 months.

M/S/P Eric Etherington/Dennis Filer to purchase the 24-month CDs through the Border State Bank CDARS program.

In Favor- Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

Abstained- Brenda Sather

City of Middle River Pool Pass Request

The city of Middle River was wonder if the city would donate 8 season pool passes to them. These passes would be given out as an incentive on their free lot program. Council discussed this and felt that this type of incentive should

stay within in our own community since it is Greenbush tax dollars that would pay for them. The matter died due to lack of motion.

NAPA's Sewer Line

The city did have some work done in the area of NAPA's sewer line a few years ago. Does that mean that the city is liable? The city wasn't liable when the water lines froze after a water project. The property owner is responsible for the service line.

Williamson Water in Basement

The city has received another complaint of water in Arvid Williamson's basement again. The sump pump for this house is not installed properly. The water is always higher on the north end of the city. A meeting with Matt is to be set up to go to the house and check out the problem.

Wastewater Pond Treatment

The average depth of the pond sludge in the secondary pond is 7 ½". That means that 2.7 million gallons of space is being taken by the sludge. This sludge has been accumulating since the ponds were first built. The first treatment of the new chemicals would cost about \$3,800. The cost to have the ponds dredged would be about \$10,000. The pond levels are low due to the current drought. The secondary pond is at 28" and the primary pond is at 31". The ponds are in could condition considering they were installed in the 1970s. This matter was tabled.

Mosquito Sprayer Bid

Matracks was the only bidder. Their bid was for \$375.00.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Eric Etherington to accept the Matracks bid of \$375.00 for the mosquito sprayer.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

Tim Truscinski/Ace Water

A water meter has been installed at Tim Truscinski's property.

Cardboard Recycling

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FY 2019 Proposed Budget

The major change to the proposed budget was that there are no longer any funds budgeted for the police department. The general property taxes line is based on a 3% levy increase. The water fund will need to increase rates again next year. Right now, it looks like the increase will be around \$1.25 per month.

2018 Infrastructure Projects

The only items on the project punch list at this time are grass reseeding and other simple items. The water service line that was having issues has been fixed. Spruce Valley Corporation is busy with other projects at this time. The final payment on the project won't be made until all of the punch list items are completed.

City County/Shop

The county has not completed the finances on this project. The county will be replacing the crossing to the on CSAH 7 N. They will be installing a larger culvert. The resident complaints have made them decide to make this change. The city has not started making the annual payment to the county.

Trap Club/Race Park- Deed Changes

The attorney is still working on these deeds.

Pool House

Tabled

Street Signs

Public works is waiting for the signs.

Citizen Complaints/Concerns

Committee Reports

Greenbush Community Partners

Greenbush Community Partners has been formed and is working under the city. The group is working on ways to promote Greenbush and draw people into the community. Right now, the big push is meals in Welcome Park on Thursday nights. These meals have been having a good turnout.

Street Signs

All of the new equipment has been delivered. A reminder was given to take it easy on the equipment.

Commerce Committee

Consent Agenda

M/S/P Christine Foss/Dennis Filer to approve the consent agenda items with revised bills (Minutes/Bills-Revised/Receipts).

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Scott Waage

Upcoming Meetings:

· Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm on September 17th, October 15th and November 19th

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Brenda Sather
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer