

The Greenbush City Council held a public hearing at 5:30 pm on August 20, 2020, to hear public comment on the 2021 construction of the following improvements: Main St N Watermain replacement and associated street reconstruction. This meeting was held in person and via a video conference due to Governor Walz's Peacetime State of Emergency declaration concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the pandemic face to face meetings pose a health risk to the public.

Council Present: Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Others Present in Person: Todd Gjovik, Tim Truscinski, Shaun Jevne, Danny Mooney, Oren Lund, Janet Dam, Bob Truscinski, and Anita Locken

Others via Zoom: Steve Emery, Dustin Fanfulik, Linda Gieseke, Corey Christianson

Main St N Watermain

City Engineer Dustin Fanfulik explained the project. This project will replace the water main on Main St N from State Hwy 11 to County Road 4, along County Road 4 to Oak St and along part of Oak St. The two blocks on Main St from State Hwy 11 to MN Ave W will have a complete street reconstruction with new sidewalks, streetlights, and other beautification elements. Main St from MN Ave W to County Road 4 will have a full depth mill and overlay. The total cost for this project is \$2,231,304.88. The city has received an SCDP grant in the amount of \$580,000.00 for the two blocks of the Main St Reconstruction. The city has passed the street replacement costs that can be contributed to the water main being replaced. The city is assessing the water main replacement cost at a 60/40 split. The property owner will be assessed for 40% of the costs. The property owner will not be assessed for the reconstruction or mill and overlay expenses. The proposed assessment rate for the water main is \$90.29 per front foot. The assessments can either be paid in full at the time of the assessment, or they can be put on property taxes. If the assessment is put on taxes, it is spread over 15 years at 2.5%. The final assessments are not available until the project is complete, and all costs are calculated. There will be another assessment hearing for this project after the final assessments are available.

Tim Truscinski raised concerns about the Main St reconstruction. He doesn't like the bump-outs and feels they will be a maintenance issue. He feels we do not need new sidewalks or other beautification and does not feel the city should install a sump pump drain line. He thinks the sump line would freeze.

Oren Lund does not think we need bump-outs and has concerns about diagonal parking.

Todd Gjovik sees no need for bump-outs.

Janet Dam raised a concern on the assessment since she removed the house from this property.

Corey Christianson stated that the sidewalk in front of his business needs to be replaced. He feels the assessment is affordable over the length of the assessment and that the beautification is a good investment in the community.

Attendees were told that any changes to the Main St reconstruction portion of the project would not change the amount of the assessments. They were also told that the council would have to do some research on what would happen to the grant if the scope of the Main St reconstruction is changed. Since this plan is what was submitted to DEED, any changes could jeopardize the city receiving the grant. If the city loses the grant, it would more than likely also lose the rehabilitation funds that were awarded in the grant.

None of the attendees that voiced concerns on the Main St reconstruction had any issue with the water main replacement assessments.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm, September 21, October 19 and November 16

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Brenda Sather

Mayor

Anita Locken

Clerk-Treasurer