

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

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

Others Present: Erin Eeg, Stuart Eeg, Randy Jenson, Ryan Bergeron, Anita Locken

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Dirt Bike Racing

Stuart and Erin Eeg were in to propose a dirt bike racing track in Greenbush. They would like to see the track on city property next to the current race track. They have talked to Gary Langaas about whether or not he would be willing to release any of the land from his current lease. He was willing to do that. Eegs were wondering if the city could own the track and lease it for the purpose of a race track. If need be Eegs are willing to form a non-profit club to lease it from the city. They were also wondering if there was any funding that the city could provide to help with this. Are there other ways the city could help (mowing, mosquito spraying, water, spraying for weeds)? Questions on insurance will need to be answered. DMC racing is willing to build the track for free if he has sole use of it for races. There could be 2 or 3 races held in Greenbush this year. The closest track for dirt bike racing is in Brooks. These races bring in many families that would be spending the weekend in the city camping. There would be opportunities for people to sell concessions on race days. The Eegs feel they have enough community support to help with costs of keeping this running. Council wants further research on this and for it to be discussed again at the next council meeting.

Karlstad DNR

MN DNR is looking for a possible location to relocate their Karlstad office to. They need 4,675 feet of space. The lease would be for 5 years. Council discussed offering them the old shop as a possible location. If they were to relocate to Greenbush they would bring 14 employees to work in this location.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Eric Etherington to offer the MN DNR the old city shop as a possible lease option as long as Public Works Director Jevne feels we can give up enough space for them to utilize.

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

Pool Cover

The city received a quote for a new pool cover and reels. The old cover no longer fits the pool and the old reels are leaving rust particles in the pool. The cost for the new system is \$11,126.00. There are various places in the budget to pay for this or the city could use reserves from last year to cover the expense.

M/S/P Eric Etherington/Scott Waage to purchase the new pool cover and reels from Horizon Pool Supply.

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

Fire Relief Actuarial Services

Hildi Incorporated was recommended by the city auditor for fire relief actuarial services. The city is required to have an actuarial report on the fire relief pensions as part of our audit.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Eric Etherington to get a quote from Hildi Incorporated on the cost for actuarial services for the fire relief pensions.

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

Fire Relief Temporary Liquor License

M/S/P Scott Waage/Eric Etherington to approve the Greenbush Fire Relief Temporary Liquor License for March 17 & 18.

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

Strategic Planning

Council reviewed the strategic planning list that was presented. The updating of shop equipment is the most needed. Public Works Director Jevne is to put together a list of quotes for replacing the equipment. Council will look into leasing options for the equipment. Council will need to decide if they are going to continue with the infrastructure projects as they are listed. A discussion will need to be held with the county highway department concerning the Old Hwy 11 and Main St S projects. Both of those streets are county responsibility. Public Works Director Jevne will need to check on the possibility of the county adding them to their project list.

2018 Infrastructure Projects

The application for MN PFA funding is being worked on. Part of the application process is a resolution approving the application being submitted to MN PFA.

M/S/P Eric Etherington/Scott Waage to pass Resolution 2018-04 PFA Application.

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

City County/Shop

Council member Waage provided council with his thoughts on the shop project so council was aware of what he saw. He feels everything can be worked out with the county once a meeting is held with them. Council would like to see an open house for the facility so the residents can see it.

Trap Club/Race Park

No new information to report on this matter.

Arvid Williamson Basement

No new information to report on this matter.

Pool Staffing

Still need more guards. There has been some interest from a couple more people.

Citizen Complaints/Concerns

M/S/P Christine Foss/Eric Etherington to approve the requested water refund to the individual on the complaint.

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

Committee Reports

Council was updated to the fact that Dollar General is still planning on building in Greenbush. The land transaction should be occurring soon. Council is wondering if there is a way to promote the existing businesses in the city. Promote Downtown is to be added to the March agenda.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm on March 19th, April 16th and May 21st

Adjournment

M/S/P Scott Waage/Eric Etherington to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Brenda Sather
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer