

The regular meeting of the Greenbush City Council was held July 16, 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: Shaun Jevne, Jared Foss, Don Kilpela, Ryan Bergeron, Anita Locken

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Resident Concern on 2018 Water Project

Mr. Don Kilpela was in to voice his concern over holes in his yard from the 2018 water project. The holes are in the locations of the dewatering pipes. The ground in these locations is caving in when someone steps there. His wife did fall from stepping in one of these holes. Public Works Supervisor Jevne is to make sure these holes get filled in as soon as possible. Mr. Kilpela also voiced his concern on how the grass seed did not grow, but the areas that were reseeded are full of weeds. Spruce Valley Corporation and the engineers are aware of these issues. Council would like for items on the punch list to be completed sooner than later.

NAPA's Sewer Line

NAPA's and the Hair Nooks sewer lines are connected by a T fitting before they dump into a manhole. Last winter NAPA's sewer line froze. It is believed that it first froze some near this T. It is also believed that there must be a sag or something else wrong with the NAPA service line in that approximate location that allowed for the sewer line to freeze. Public Works Supervisor Jevne needs to investigate as to whom hooked these sewer lines up like this. The property owner is responsible for their service line. If the property owners plumbed these service lines then they are responsible to fix the issue. If the city hooked these lines up then the city would be responsible.

Wastewater Pond Treatment

Public Works Supervisor Jevne would like to change the chemicals that are used at the wastewater pond to control pond sludge. These new chemicals are supposed to help remove the pond sludge and keep it from coming back. The cost of the new chemical is about the same as the chemical currently being used. The quote that was included in the agenda packet is for the cost of initial dose. Jevne has an individual coming in August to test the level of pond sludge. If the sludge is not removed or kept under control that could mean that the city would have to dredge the sludge out at some point. Jevne is to get more information on this process. This matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Old Street Sweeper and Mosquito Sprayer

The City of Badger is interested in purchasing the old street sweeper. Council would like to see what Sanitation Products thinks would be a fair price for it. Jevne is to also check with Jon's Auto to see what the scrap price would be for it. The old mosquito sprayer is not valued at much. Council would like to put that up for bids.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Eric Etherington to declare the old pickup mosquito sprayer as excess property and to put it up for bids.

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

Comp Time Cash Out

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Eric Etherington to approve the comp time cash out request of 80 hours for Ryan Ratkovec.

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

Request to Close a Street

Women of Today and LifeCare are planning a bike safety training on August 14th. They would like to close the street in front of the school during this training.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Eric Etherington to approve the closure of Park Ave in front of the school on August 14, 2018 during the bike safety training.

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

Tim Truscinski/Ace Water

A water meter still needs to be installed at Tim Truscinski's property.

Cardboard Recycling

MarKit Landfills director did not explain before the last meeting that any decision council made on getting a cardboard recycling container from them needed to be run through their board of directors. The MarKit board of directors decided they do not want to get into providing cardboard recycling containers for municipalities. It was recommended that the city check with our local garbage hauler to see if this was a service they could provide for the city. Jared Foss was in from Greenbush Sanitation to let council know that he could provide a container for the city to use for cardboard recycling. Greenbush Sanitation would charge the city \$200 per month rent on the container and then \$150.00 per each trip to the landfill for disposal. The landfill does not charge for cardboard so the city would not incur any cost for the actual disposal. The container could be kept in the old shop. Guidelines for the service will need to be put in place before it is started. Council members Sather and Foss will work on putting the guidelines together for council to review.

FY 2019 Proposed Budget

Council did not have any major concerns for changes to the budget. A proposed budget will be put together based on previous years.

Street Signs and City Speeds

Council was provided a list of signs that need to be replaced, removed or installed. The recommendation for speeds in the city is to raise them all to 30 mph to match the state statute. Council would like to see an estimate for the cost of signs and would also like time to review the recommendations.

2018 Infrastructure Projects

MN Public Facilities Authority (PFA) has finalized the loan grant amount that the city will receive for the 2018 Water Project. The city will have a loan of \$228,291 and a grant of \$913,166. There is still some paperwork that needs to be finalized by council before we can receive our funds from PFA. We will need to hold a special meeting for that since PFA and bond council are finalizing the documents. We will also need to take more money out of CDs to cover the expenses for this month.

Dirt Bike Racing/ Trap Club/Race Park

The attorney has finalized the leases for the dirt bike race track, race park equipment on city property and the trap club. They do still need to be reviewed by the leases.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Dennis Filer to approve the dirt bike race track lease.

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

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Scott Waage to approve the Greenbush Race Park Equipment lease.

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

M/S/P Christine Foss/Eric Etherington to approve the Trap Club lease

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

Pool House

Tabled

City County/Shop

The asphalt costs are still pending since that work has not been completed. County Engineer Ketring has an accountant looking at the numbers. A meeting between the city and county will happen once the final numbers come from the accountant.

Driving Range

A couple of residents approached council member Waage concerning putting a driving range on the old airport property. That land is leased to Bruce Anderson. They would need to sublease from Anderson. The residents would maintain the driving range without help from the city.

Wellhead Protection Plan

Clerk-Treasurer Locken met with Mike Strodtman concerning the finalization of the city's wellhead protection plan. The plan is ready for final comments and a public hearing. The area water districts, township and county will get the plan for review and to comment on. The public hearing will be held at the October meeting.

Dirt Bike Track

Eegs would like to get some clay from the city for building the dirt bike track. The clay would be taken from the area by the concrete pile. The concrete would be pushed into the hole from the clay removal. Allowing them to get the clay will reduce the cost to the city for the burial of the concrete pile. Council was ok with letting them remove clay.

Citizen Complaints/Concerns

M/S/P Christine Foss/Dennis Filer to approve the water credit as requested for the house at 111 5th St N.

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

M/S/P Scott Waage/Eric Etherington to approve a 4 month water credit for the property at 458 2nd St N.

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

Committee Reports

Commerce Committee

Consent Agenda

M/S/P Scott Waage /Christine Foss 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 August 20th, September 17th and October 15th

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Brenda Sather
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer