

The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on June 21, 2021, at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community Center.

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

Others Present in Person: Garry Gambill, Ryan Bergeron, Anita Locken

Other Present via Electronic Methods: None

ATV/Golf Cart Use in the City

Garry Gambill addressed the council concerning the usage of golf carts and ATVs by very young children. He has witnessed young individuals driving very fast and not following road rules due to being under the age of having a driver's license. Mr. Gambill almost hit a golf cart at McKenzie Ave by Bethel Church when a young driver ran the stop sign. He has seen a case where it took to children to operate the gold cart. One child controlled the steering wheel, and one controlled the pedals. He would like the city to have an age restriction in the ordinance and have parents responsible for their children's usage. He stated how he has talked to the Sheriff's Department and found out that ATVs are not to be used by anyone under 16. The city attorney would not allow the city to put an age limit in the ordinance when she drafted it. Mr. Gambill was informed that this issue is one of the reasons that the council is looking into getting a dedicated Sheriff's Department presence in the city. The Sheriff's Department would then be responsible for enforcing these ordinances. Mr. Gambill was directed to contact the Sheriff's Department should he see any of these issues.

Proposed Budget

The council was presented a proposed budget that was the same as the FY2021 budget. The reason for that was to get the council's input as to what changes they would like to see. Some areas that should be considered are law enforcement, streets, farm leases, and airport development. The budgets for the different departments need to be reviewed by department heads. Salaries are another area to review. The current cost of living increase for this area is 5.8%.

LP Pre-Pay

Roseau County Coop Association is offering LP Pre-Pay at \$1.49 per gallon. The council would like to see the last five years of usage, and then they will decide on this matter in August.

Water Conservation Measures due to Drought

The MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has notified the city that all cities are to implement water conservation measures due to the current drought conditions across the state. The city currently does not have water conservation measures in place. A draft resolution from MN Rural Water was used to compose the city's proposed water conservation measures. The resolution would allow residents in even-numbered houses to water lawns, gardens and wash cars on even-numbered days. Odd-numbered houses would be able to water on odd-numbered days. The resolution also allows the public works supervisor to implement these measures in the future should MN DNR direct cities to start conservation measures.

M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer to approve Resolution 2021-11 Establishing Water Conservation Measures.

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

Main St Water Project

The project has started, and there are no other matters to be brought up.

COVID-19

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to approve Resolution 2021-10 Rescinding Proclamation and Emergency Declaration

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

Welcome Park Bridge

Public Works Supervisor Jevne does not have any bids to report to the council. The council asked that he check into renting equipment so the city employees could complete this work.

County Law Enforcement Coverage

No Update

Complaint

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern to approve a water credit of \$174.58 to 755 Oak Lane for a leak.

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

Consent Agenda

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

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

Council members raised concerns about pool closures. The pool has been closed twice for cool temps and once for not having lifeguards to work. They discussed looking into incentives for lifeguards picking up shifts that no one else will work.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm, August 16, September 20, and October 18

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh to adjourn the meeting.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Eric Etherington
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer