

The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on Tuesday July 19th, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community Center.

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

Others Present in Person: Vern Horntvedt, Pete Stauffenecker, Todd Bergeron, Mary Stauffenecker, Crystelle Phillip, Jared Foss, Brennan Collins, Ryan Bergeron, Shaun Jevne, Lynsi Hansen

Other Present via Electronic Methods: Dustin Fanfulik

Public Comments-

Dustin Fanfulik- Walking Path Update

Dustin Fanfulik from Widseth was able to speak on behalf of the walking path construction project. The City has been given the approval for \$265,586 of federal dollars to go towards the project. The earliest the construction could start is July 1st, 2023. The next step in the process would be to prepare the scoping document for the project memorandum. The project estimated cost in 2019 was \$414,000.00 now the price in 2022 is \$516,000.00.

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh approval to proceed with preparing the Project Memorandum.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Vern Horntvedt- Dust Control

Vern Horntvedt who lives down Minnesota Avenue West, had concerns about the dust issue. The intersection of Red Willow Road and Minnesota Avenue West is where the pavement ends, and the rest of the road is gravel. Horntvedt asked if the city would be willing to do anything to stop it. Horntvedt mentioned putting down Chloride flakes and said that the residents who live down that road would be willing to split the cost.

Council's comments were to figure out cost and talk with other residents and see if they would be on board to assess the project for Spring/Summer 2023. Mayor Etherington will work with public works, on possibly buying the Chloride flakes in bulk and splitting the cost.

Todd Bergeron- Street concerns

Todd Bergeron a resident that lives over by the school on Park Avenue West had a concern that during the spring/summer months his road is very busy. With the constant traffic, and speedy driving, Bergeron ended up losing a pet cat. There are lots of new families who moved into the area, with small children. Looking forward, Bergeron wants to stop the obnoxious traffic, and would like to have the city put in a speed bump(s). With the summer coming to an end soon, he asked for the start of Spring 2023, to have something in place temporary during May-October.

Jevne will check on cost and see what it would take to put in a temporary one during the busy months.

GCP- 4th of July/Walking Path update

Mary Stauffenecker was in to inform the council all the positive things they heard and seen throughout the 4th of July weekend. Mary also shared the things that they could improve on like, having more bathrooms/porta-potties available, getting more food trucks, and having

more activities for the kids. The proceeds made from the weekend went towards the walking path, bringing in \$4,895.00. Altogether, the total amount raised in the walking path fund is \$76,673.50.

Thursdays in the Park-Food Stand

Kara Heggedal owns the red food stand that is placed in the Welcome Park, that gets used by clubs/organizations for Thursdays in the Park. Kara asked if the city would buy it for \$7,500, otherwise they are planning to move it somewhere else.

M/S/P Christine Foss/Shawn Walsh approval to not purchase the red food stand building, that is placed in the welcome park.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Jared Foss- Lease agreement

Jared would like to purchase the property between the water treatment plant and Burkel Grain

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh approval to selling a portion of the parcel northeast of the water treatment plant to Jon's Auto Salvage. Mayor Etherington will contact Moren Law to get an estimate and update the abstract. The council asked Foss to return next month to finalize it.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Abstained: Christine Foss

Crystelle Philipp- 2021 Audit

Crystelle Phillip, from Hoffman, Philipp, and Martell, PLLC in Thief River Falls is the City of Greenbush Audit firm. Philipp shared with council how great clerk Hansen has been doing in the new position. She's organized, detailed and records the material properly. Philipps was impressed with the City of Greenbush for paying into State, Federal and Withholding. A lot of surrounding towns do not, and that's a big no no! The city is progressively growing from last year bringing in 1.2 million. Philipp noted that it's well taken care of and stays up to date with infrastructure projects. The only red flag was on the golf course reserves, where there was \$58.00 that shouldn't be there. Otherwise, there was some indebt services that usually appear when dealing with larger projects (which the city has been doing with the North and now South Main Street Project).

South Main Street- Stop Sign out

MN Dot will be taking out the stop sign by the school, south bound on Derrick Olson's property. The sign will be removed before school starts in September.

Summer Rec Contribution

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn approval of the city contributing \$2,500 to be split equally to the Summer Rec Baseball and Softball Programs. Making them each receive a total of \$1,250.00 from the city.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Christine Foss, and Josh Kern

Liquor License Approval

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern approval of liquor licenses for Remedies Bar and Grill, American Legion, and One Better Liquor.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh, Christine Foss, and Josh Kern

WSI Swimming Cost

This is Greenbush's first year hosting WSI Training. For lifeguards to teach swimming lessons, they need to pass this training. The instructor had asked if the city would cover half of the expense for lodging/mileage.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern approval of paying the WSI Training instructor half the expense for lodging and mileage to Greenbush.

WSI-Lifeguard

There were five lifeguards signed up, and only three completed the course. The city still had to pay for the training course rather the students showed up or not.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Josh Kern approval of paying those that completed the WSI Training.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss approval of donating \$500.00 to the Greenbush Area Pool for Pool Olympics held in August from the donation fund

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Appointing Election Judges

M/S/P Christine Foss/ Josh Kern approving Resolution 2022-06 Appointing Election Judges for the primary election held on August 9th, 2022, and the General Election held on November 8th, 2022.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

BIG RIG Night

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh approve the Women of Today (WOT) to use the city shop for their BIG RIG Night on August 16th, 2022.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

RCCA Pre-pay

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern approval to summer fill all the LP tanks, and to pre-pay the usage from last year.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

CTAS-Accounting Correction

Clerk Hansen voided a check that was written out in 2021 to the GMR FCCLA. Hansen didn't realize that once you finalize a year, you can't go back and make corrections without council approval.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Christine Foss approval of correcting the CTAS Error making the balances match from the end of 2021 to the beginning of 2022.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Ordinance No. 88 Update

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Christine Foss approval to amend Ordinance No. 88 – The keeping of dogs and cats to be changed to The keeping of any Animal.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Delinquent Payment Plan

The City of Greenbush has Proposed a Delinquent plan for the individuals who continuously appear on the delinquent notice each month. The payment and agreement plan are designed for them to make five payments within six months or sooner to pay for their full balance.

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Christine Foss approval of moving forward on this plan, and sending out to those who are behind on their utility bills.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Kelly Eppers- Property Lines

The City doesn't own the triangular property piece next to Eppers. It would cost \$1500 to have the property surveyed.

Water Issue

Clerk Hansen informed council that there is 39 residential/commercial water meters that haven't been reading. Replace those that haven't been reading with the New Badger Meters.

Committee/ Public works Report

Public works received their pool and campground inspection reports. The pool is just waiting on the two flow meters and replacing the drain covers. The Campground is waiting for a backflow prevention device and new lids for the garbage cans.

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Christine Foss approval of paying GMR FCCLA \$250.00 for cleaning up the Fireworks that were held on Borgen Field at the Legion Park.

All in favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

Consent Agenda

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

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

Upcoming Meetings:

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

M/S/P Josh Kern/Christine Foss to adjourn the meeting.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Eric Etherington
Mayor

Lynsi Hansen
Clerk-Treasurer