

The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on June 21, 2021, at 5:30 pm. This meeting was conducted in person and via electronic methods due to the Governor's Emergency Declaration concerning the COVID Pandemic.

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

Council Present via Electronic Methods: None

Others Present in Person: Daryl Wicklund, Bob Klug, Allen Stauffenecker, Ryan Bergeron, Shaun Jevne, Anita Locken

Other Present via Electronic Methods: None

MN Rural Water Apprenticeship

Bob Klug with MN Rural Water let the council know about their apprenticeship program for water and wastewater operators. EPA estimates that 50% of the current operators will be retiring within the next ten years. The basis of this apprenticeship program is to have better-trained operators. The program offers online and hands-on training. The operator will get at least their Class D license through this program. The person taking the course must be a full-time employee, and they will need to do an extra 144 hours of training over two years. The online class does have fees. MN Rural water is applying for grants to help cover the program's class fees and other costs. Each apprentice has to have a mentor. Fore Greenbush Public Works Director Jevne would be the mentor. September 1 is the anticipated start date of this program. The apprentice has to choose whether they are completing the water or the wastewater course. The annual cost of the program will be \$2,500-\$3,000. This cost includes books, tuition, and travel. The council is in favor of participating in this program. A decision for participation has to be made before the program starts.

4th of July Weekend Street Closures

Greenbush Community Partners would like to close Main St from Agassiz to the American Legion to host 4th of July events. The Street would be closed from 3:00 pm on Friday, July 2nd, to 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 3rd.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to approve closing Main St from 3:00 pm on Friday, July 2nd to 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 3rd.

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to designate Greenbush Community Partners as the organizers for the 2021 4th of July events.

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

Liquor License Renewals

M/S/P Christine Foss/Shawn Walsh to approve the 2021 Liquor License renewals:

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Type of License</u>	<u>Expiration Dates</u>
1 Better Liquor Store	Chad Rud	Off-Sale	June 30th
American Legion	American Legion	Club	June 30th
Golf Course	Golf Association	3.2% Off-Sale, 3.2% On-Sale	June 30th
Remedies	Clay Sorteberg	On-Sale, Off-Sale & Sunday	June 30th

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

American Legion Temporary Liquor License

M/S/P Christine Foss/Shawn Walsh to approve the American Legion Temporary Liquor License for July 2, 2021.

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

Picnic Table Donations

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to approve Resolution 2021-06 accepting Central Boiler and Border Banks donation of picnic tables for the Jaycee's Shelter.

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

Lawnmower

Public Works Director Jevne would like to replace the Skag lawnmower. He is starting to have problems with it. He received quotes from RCCA for a new Altoz mower. 2021 Altoz XP 610 31 HP for \$8,500 or 2021 Altoz XC 610 Z 31 HP for \$11,300.00. There have been delays in getting new mowers this year.

M/S/P Christine Foss/Shawn Walsh to approve purchasing a 2021 Altoz XP 610 for \$8,500 from RCCA.

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

Stop Signs

Mayor Etherington has received feedback on the intersection of McKenzie Ave and South Main St concerning speeding to and from the school. Most of the council feels this is an enforcement issue. The speed issue has not changed since the 4-way stop at this intersection was removed. There could be children at play signs put up in this area. The shrubs at the corner of Main St S and Park Ave create a visibility issue for the stop sign. There are also other areas of the city in which tree branches cover signs. Public works is to look at cutting these trees and shrubs back if the homeowners will not.

Water Treatment Plant

The alarm dialer at the water treatment plant has been acting up. Sweeney was in to fix the issue. They found that due to the age of our dialer, it will not call AT&T lines, so it will not call one of the public works employees. The quote to update this dialer is \$20,400.00. The new dialer also updates the reporting for the water treatment plant. The telemetry system for the water tower is also outdated. It will work for now but should be budgeted for in the future.

Main St Water Project

The State legislature needs to pass their budget in this special session for the Main St project to proceed on time. If they do not pass a budget, our permit to cross Hwy 11 will be on hold, and all the funding for this project will also be unavailable. There has been additional sidewalk replacement added to this project. The sidewalk to be replaced will be on Hill Ave by Remedies and the old Truscinski building. The DEED grant will cover this work.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to approve Resolution 2021-07 accepting MN PFA funding of \$191,735 bond and \$766,940 Principal Forgiveness Grant.

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

COVID-19

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to approve Resolution 2021-08 Accepting Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funding under the American Rescue Plan Act.

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

Child Care

A non-profit has been established to deal with the childcare shortage in Greenbush. They are working on getting providers in both Blessed Sacrament and Bethel Churches. Now that the group has started a non-profit, they can start looking for grant funds.

Welcome Park Bridge

Still getting estimates.

County Law Enforcement Coverage

County Commissioner Daryl Wicklund was at the meeting to discuss what the city is looking for concerning law enforcement coverage from the County. The council is looking at having designated service in the city for approximately 20 hours per week. The city would pay for the hours that the deputy is assigned to Greenbush. Wages, fuel, benefits, etc., would all be part of the hourly cost to the city. The biggest reason for wanting enforcement in the city is ordinance enforcement. Commissioner Wicklund will be discussing this with the Sheriff and the county board. Once he has a better idea of cost and the County's ability to provide this service, he will contact the city.

Former 1st St between MN Ave W and Hwy 11

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to approve Resolution 2021-09 turning vacated 1st Street over to Roseau County to be added to the County State Aid Highway system.

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

Airport Development

Allen Stauffenecker was in to see if the council would be willing to sell him a portion of the airport property. He would like to purchase some of the property to the north of his to keep new houses away from his yard. The council agreed to stay in contact with him as they continue with this project.

Complaint

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Jevne is working on fixing the PLC for the water treatment plant filter. He is running water through the filter more often until that gets fixed. Hydrants have been flushed. The ponds have been discharged. The bathrooms at the Jaycee's Shelter will be completed by the 4th of July. The new doors still need to be installed at Legion Park.

Consent Agenda

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

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm, July 19th, Aug 16th, and Sept 20th

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Eric Etherington

This meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Eric Etherington
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer