

The regular meeting of the Greenbush City Council was held March 18, 2018 in the Greenbush Library Conference Room at 5:30 pm.

Members present: Council Members Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Others Present: Randy Jenson, Steve Emery, Dustin Fanfulik, Shaun Jevne, Ryan Bergeron, Darren Laesch, Joe McKinnon, Anita Locken

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

MN Department of Transportation

Darren Laesch and Joe McKinnon were in to discuss a future MN Department of Transportation (DOT) project concerning Trunk Highway 11 within the City of Greenbush. The project would run from Hwy 32 S to Old Ridge Road. The project is tentatively set to be completed in 2024. At the bare minimum they need to complete a resurfacing, but are thinking of completing a complete restoration. This road was built in the 1950's. The city would like to see them completely reconstruct this area. This project would take approximately 2 months to complete. They would start after the 4th of July. The council was asked as to what type of sidewalks they would like to see. 8-foot-wide sidewalks could be installed if the city was planning a walking path or a multi-use path. Public Works Supervisor Jevne would like to see a 6-foot-wide sidewalk. That would be wide enough for the skid steer to properly clean snow from the sidewalk. A walking path along the Welcome Park is on the wish list. There is a possibility to tie the sidewalks into the walking path in Welcome Park. Light in this area could be changed out to LED. This is a 50/50 cost split between the state and the city. The DOT does have a program for 2% of the project to include aesthetic enhancements. Plantings are also something that could be part of this project. DOT has a landscape architect that would work with the city on a design and then the city would have to complete the actual plantings. DOT is working on completing the plans for this project along with getting the cost estimates completed. If parking lanes are installed the city will have to pay 5% of the cost. The city would not pay for the sidewalks unless they request a sidewalk size that the DOT cannot justify. Hwy 32 S is another major project scheduled in this area.

Karlstad Eagles Gambling at Remedies

The Karlstad Eagles would like to sell pull-tabs at Remedies.

M/S/P Shaun Walsh/Eric Etherington to approve Resolution 2019-05 approving Karlstad Eagles Application for Lawful Gambling.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Fire Department

As of January 1, 2019, State Statute 424A.003 went into effect. This statute requires that the fire chief provide an annual certification of firemen that have qualified for a year of service credit towards their fire relief pension. The certification needs to be given to the city clerk each year. If a fireman does not follow the membership rules set by the department bylaws then they do not qualify for that years' service credit. The bylaws will be updated to make sure everyone will get the opportunity to qualify for the service credit. This statute will make sure that everyone is following the rules. Fire Chief Jenson will be talking to an architect concerning an addition to the firehall.

Subordination

M/S/P Eric Etherington/Christine Foss to approve the Subordination Agreement for Rebecca Nubson.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

2020 Wedding

Daniel Westman would like to have his wedding dance by Remedies on Hill Ave. This would require that the street be shut down for the day. Council has no problem shutting the street for this purpose. Mr. Westman should be warned that the Main Street project could be going on at that time too.

IWorq Presentation/Utilization

Council was shown how the IWorq software is utilized for water, sewer and work orders. They saw how citizens can use the software to let the city know of their concerns too. The program is easy to use and all of the employees are using it.

2019 Water Project

The city received 2 bids for the 2019 water main replacement project: Spruce Valley Corporation- \$545,553 and Taggart Contracting- \$585,576.00. The engineer's estimate was \$552,198.00.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Shawn Walsh to approve Resolution 2019-06 Accepting bids and awarding the project to Spruce Valley Corporation in the amount of \$545,553.00.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Freezing Water Updates

At this time, we have 5 properties that have frozen water lines. One house had frozen and the water line was thawed. We have eight houses that have been approved to run their water as per our policy. The water temps are continuing to drop and property owners should continue to monitor the water temperature coming into their building. The public works crew has been trying to help thaw water lines if the homeowner can't find anyone that will thaw it for them. In the future different methods of communication are to be used to get the word out when we start experiencing this type of situation. The city rates for services and labor need to be reviewed. At this time we are cheaper than the local plumbers so residents are trying to use the city before local contractors.

Potential Changes to Clerk-Treasurer Position

Tabled for the April regular meeting

Job Descriptions

Tabled for the April regular meeting

City County/Shop

Tabled- there is no update.

Pool House

Tabled

Street Signs

Tabled until spring.

Citizen Complaints/Concerns

Council received a concern about slushy snow not being removed from Main Street in a timely manner when the snow started to melt. Council wants this type situation monitored closer and for the snow to be removed in a timely manner, especially on Main Street where it affects the businesses.

Committee Reports

Closed Meeting

M/S/P Eric Etherington/Christine Foss to close the regular meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 Subd. 3(a) to discuss medical data and or an individual's medical records as governed by Minnesota Statutes 144.29-144.298.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Regular Meeting closed at 6:59 pm.

The regular meeting reopened at 7:03 pm.

M/S/P Eric Etherington/Christine Foss to close the regular meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 Subd. 3(a) to evaluate the performance of an individual who is subject to its authority.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Regular Meeting closed at 7:03 pm.

The regular meeting reopened at 7:08 pm.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Eric Etherington to extend Ryan Ratkovec's unpaid leave of absence until the next regular council meeting in April in order to get all of the requested medical data.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Consent Agenda

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

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm, April 15th, May 20th and June 17th

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Brenda Sather
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer