

**The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on May 16th, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community Center.**

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

Others Present in Person: Sam Pulczinski, Mary Stauffenecker, Ryan Bergeron, Shaun Jevne, Lynsi Emery

Other Present via Electronic Methods:

**Public Comments-**

**Sam Pulczinski- Dog Grooming**

Sam Pulczinski would like to open a dog grooming business on Main Street North on the half lot property next to the Gieseke Funeral home. Sam already has a building (Hut) 12x24 foot Monolithic Dome that she would be using for her business. Sam asked the council for approval to purchase the property and to zone it as a commercial lot. Sam also would like to apply for the RBEG Loan to help cover the cost for her dog grooming business.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine** approval to move the reclassification of the parcel #52.0004300 from residential to commercial.

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

\*\*Dennis Filer showed up at 5:36pm

**Greenbush Community Partners (GCP) 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

Mary Stauffenecker was there representing GCP, updating the council with all the events that will be held the weekend before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. One request Mary asked was to have Main Street blocked off for the Street Dance from Hill Avenue to Minnesota Ave on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00am Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a color walk starting at 8:00am on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Another request was to have the street blocked off from Central Avenue to Hill Avenue Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00am-3:00pm for the Cornhole Tournament. Border Bank will be having a food truck placed in the parking lot. The GCP would also like to request for a 2-day temporary on-sale liquor licenses for July 1<sup>st</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> to serve beer/seltzers at the street dance located at the Jaycee shelter on Main Street. The proceeds from the events will go towards the walking path. A reminder that the fire works will be held July 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at dusk at the Legion Park. FCCLA, will oversee firework cleanup.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Josh Kern** approval to block off Main Street from Central Avenue to Hill Avenue on July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00am-3:00pm for the Cornhole Tournament.

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

**M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer** approval to block off Main Street from Hill Avenue to Minnesota Avenue Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00am, Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Street dance and color walk.

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

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern** approval for the temporary liquor license Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm to 1:00am July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

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

### **Greenbush Community Partners (GCP) Walking Path**

The walking path account balance is \$57,667 of the approximately \$150,000 the city requires. They have raised \$3300 in 2022. The GCP was wondering if they need to update the estimated cost for the project since the last time, they were quoted was in 2019. Current fundraising efforts include a cash raffle, Thursday in the Park Event, Beer Gardens July 1<sup>st</sup>, and several grant requests pending. The GCP would like to request the council to re-designate funds that were previously given by Polaris for the Body Shoppe Project to transfer over towards the Walking Path Fund.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer** approve to reallocate the funds from the Body Shoppe project to the walking path fund.

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

### **Dustin Fanfulik- Widseth Agreement**

The bids came in lower then expected, and the county plans to move forward on the South Main Street Project and the parking lot in the back of the school.

**M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer** approve the bid offer from Asphalt Agassiz (Davidson) to move forward on the project

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

### **Line Parking on Main Street**

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss** approve to keeping parallel parking on both sides of the Street from Central Avenue (Highway 11) to Minnesota Avenue.

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

### **Solid Waste Contract**

Jared Foss owner of Jon's Auto Salvage in Greenbush would like to reevaluate his Sanitation Contract with the City. The Contract was approved back on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to cover the cost for Garbage pick-up collected throughout the city. In 2018 the price of Diesel was \$3.19 a gallon as of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the price of Diesel has increased to \$5.19 a gallon. According to the contract Foss has with the City, upon a \$0.50 per gallon, he may negotiate with the city. Under the current contract, the city compensates Greenbush Sanitation \$7,250.00 per month. To cover the increase cost Mayor Etherington, suggests increasing the rates by 30%, making compensation increase be \$2,175.00 for a total of \$9,425.00 per month. The council suggested that they would like to be under a three-month contract and to reevaluate the gas prices and decide if they need to increase or decrease the rates.

**M/S/P Dennis Filer/Shawn Walsh** approval to increasing the garbage rates by 30% for Residential and commercial garbage and for Greenbush Sanitation to be under a three-month contract.

Christine Foss abstained from the council's vote on this issue.

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

### **Race Park Liquor License Approval**

3.2 liquor licenses are discontinuing and are in a shortage in Northern Minnesota. The Race Park would like to switch their liquor licenses from a 3.2 liquor licenses to an on-sale Intoxicating Liquor licenses, as well as a Sunday liquor licenses.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer** approval to switching liquor licenses from 3.2 liquor to Intoxicating liquor, as well as a Sunday liquor licenses.

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

### **Golf Course Liquor License Approval**

The Golf Course would like to switch their liquor licenses from a 3.2 liquor licenses to an on-sale Intoxicating Liquor licenses, as well as a Sunday liquor licenses.

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

### **New Water Meters/ Meters not reading**

There has been 27 meters throughout the city that haven't been reading properly that the city will need to replace. We have received money from American Rescue ARPA to use towards city expenses.

**M/S/P Christine Foss/ Josh Kern** Approval of allocating \$30,000 from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) fund to use towards new badger meters, and for the program software that would need to be installed at the city office.

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

### **Water Treatment Electronics**

Public Works supervisor Shaun Jevne shared with the council all the different electric water treatment options that would work for the treatment plant.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern** approval of ordering option B Monitor 460 to purchase for the water treatment plant. The estimate cost is \$3,100.00 from Sweeney Controls. The League of Minnesota Cities insurance will cover \$2,100.00 of the cost, having the city cover the remaining balance of \$1,000.00.

### **Pool Parking Lot**

The Greenbush-Middle River School has plans to reconstruct the parking lot in the back of the school. The school has asked if the city would pay for the portion of the parking lot that is in front of the Swimming pool. The pool is owned by the city, but the parking lot is owned by the school. The cost would be \$4,216.00 to remove the old cement, \$360.00 for grating, and the mix to lay it down would e \$22,512.70. Making the total cost of the project for the city to is \$27,088.70.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss** approval for having the city pay for the new construction portion in front of the pool. Council plans to use the money from the donation fund, to help cover the cost.

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

### **Approval Check for Women of Today (WOT)**

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Josh Kern approve the city accepting a check from the American Legion issuing a check to the Women of Today.

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

### **Community Education**

Clerk Emery has been having issues with residents signing up to use Community Center. There are some non-profit organizations who use the center that don't get charged. Some organizations are well understanding as some are not. The issue Emery is running into is people from the organization feel they should get the center over those who are paying to use it. Emery has stated that she takes first come first serve on renting out the center. Council agreed on allowing Emery to take those who sign up first, and if organizations have issues to have them contact one of them.

### **Water Shut off Charge/ Reconnect fee/ Delinquent Accounts**

Clerk Emery has voiced her thoughts about the situation of water shut offs and reconnect fee's as well as the continuous delinquent accounts. Emery mentioned that since she's started it's the same 10-12 people who continue to be on the delinquent notice. What they don't realize is, that it's more work for us to have to go and shut their water off just for them to come out and pay us their bill. This winter was awful, meaning a lot of snow had to be dug out before they could shut the water off. Emery recommended that for individuals who get on the delinquent notice be set up for a payment plan. That way they must take some responsibility on paying for their utility bill. The council wants to reevaluate and pursue ordinance requirements. Mayor Etherington and Clerk Emery will work on getting something set up.

### **Blight Notices**

The Council has decided on redoing an ordinance to help with continuous blight notices.

### **Committee/ Public works Report**

Public works plans to start working on the pool May 18<sup>th</sup>, they have been busy mowing parks and recs, and finding summer help. Public works supervisor has been busy dealing with the water issues at the water treatment plant as well as the water tower claim.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

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

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30pm June 20<sup>th</sup>, and July 18<sup>th</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer** to adjourn the meeting.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Eric Etherington  
Mayor

Lynsi Emery  
Clerk-Treasurer