

The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on May 17, 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, Dennis Filer, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

Council Present via Electronic Methods: Christine Foss

Others Present in Person: Brent Walsh, Shaun Jevne, Anita Locken

Other Present via Electronic Methods: Ryan Bergeron, Kristy Kjos

Brent Walsh Building Official Proposal

Brent Walsh came to let the council know that he is a certified building official. He was wondering if the city would be interested in using his services. Mr. Walsh is contacting all the small cities and townships in the area to let them know about his services. He can complete housing structure inspections. His contract fees are 80/20 split of permit fees. He would receive 80% of the fees, and the city would get to keep 20%. The city only enforces zoning at this time. The city needs more information on code enforcement before they decide on this matter.

Greenbush Motors Resolution

Title work on the old Greenbush Motors property is being completed. The city did not pass a resolution to sell the property at the time of the original sale. This resolution takes care of that issue.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to approve Resolution 2021-04 Approving the sale of the North 15 ft of Lot 11 and all of lot 12, Block 13, in West Greenbush to Greenbush Motors, Inc.

Roll Call In favor: Shawn Walsh, Dennis Filer, Josh Kern, Eric Etherington

Abstained: Christine Foss

County Law Enforcement Coverage

Council Member Walsh talked to County Commissioner Darrel Wicklund concerning county law enforcement coverage. He would like more information on what hours, etc. that the city is looking for concerning enforcement. We will wait for more information from the county.

Donations

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Shawn Walsh to approve Resolution 2021-05 Acknowledging Donations.

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

Former 1st St between MN Ave W and Hwy 11

As Assistant County Engineer Daryle Dahl was working on plans for this summer's asphalt work in Greenbush, he found that the two blocks of the former 1st St between MN Ave W and Hwy 11 are supposed to be part of the Count State Aid Highway system. The city and county agreed to this in the '90s, but the process was never finished. The city and county will now have to pass resolutions to add it to the CSAH system. That means that the county will be paying for the asphalt on these two blocks. Once a resolution is ready, it will be brought to the council for approval.

Main St Water Project

The city loan application with MN Public Facilities Authority has been completed. This funding is for the water portion of the 2021 Main St project. The city will receive \$766,940.00 in principal forgiveness grant and have a loan of \$191,735.00. The total cost for this project is \$1,732,099.26. After the MN PFA and MN DEED grants, the city will pay \$443,916.27 of the project costs. The only assessments on this project will be for the watermain replacement portion of the project. That amount has not been calculated at this time.

COVID-19

At this time, the CDC's guidance is that masks are to be worn by unvaccinated individuals. At the end of May, all state COVID regulations will end.

Blight/Nuisance Ordinance

The council was provided proposed Ordinance No 95 Nuisances and Offenses. This Ordinance will replace Ordinance No 60 Blight. It also repeals Ordinances 71 Noise Control and Ordinance No 78 Nude Dancing. The Ordinance will go into effect as soon as it is published.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Shawn Walsh to approve Ordinance No 95 Nuisance and Offenses as presented.

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

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern to publish a summary version of Ordinance No 95 Nuisance and Offenses.

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

Child Care

The childcare committee is still meeting. They have received letters of support from local businesses. They needed to form a childcare board to get funding and help from local legislatures. The board is called the Little Chompers Childcare Board. The board met with Blessed Sacrament to see if they would allow a childcare facility in their building. The church has approved a family daycare to be run out of the basement of the church. They are looking at expanding their facility and possibly adding space for a center. No decision on that has been made at this time. Currently, we have a shortage of about 50 spaces.

Jaycees Shelter Improvements

The painting at the shelter is almost completed. Slats are being installed in the rafters as a deterrent for birds. ADA compliance updates are being completed in the bathrooms. The roll-up door for serving will cost about \$1,000.00. The new picnic tables have been delivered but need to be put together. The tables were paid for with donations from Central Boiler and Border Bank.

Welcome Park Bridge

MN Department of Natural Resources looked at the bridge and the river. The bridge changes and the dredging of the river do need to be permitted with the DNR. We still need quotes to dredge the river and to lift the bridge, and reinstall it. Public Works Director Jevne is also to get quotes on removing the bridge. We could work with MN DOT to put in a bike lane if the bridge is removed when they redo MN Hwy 32.

Women of Today Request

Ace owner Danny Mooney was okay with Hill Ave being blocked off if his garage door is not blocked.

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh to allow the Greenbush Women of Today to block off Hill Ave from Main St to 4th St for their June 19th Rib cook-off.

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

Sanitation Fund

Tabled

Complaint

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Jevne provided the council with iWorq reports. They have started working on the pool. Lee's plumbing must come back to repair some leaks. Legion Park flooring and lights are completed. ADA bars are going in this week. The hydrants will be flushed. Ponds are being discharged dependent upon testing results.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm, June 21st, July 19th, Aug 16th

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Shawn Walsh to adjourn the meeting.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Eric Etherington
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer