

The regular meeting of the Greenbush City Council was held on May 18, 2020, at 5:30 pm. This meeting was conducted via electronic methods due to the Governor's Emergency Declaration concerning the COVID Pandemic.

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

Others Present: Steve Emery, Dustin Fanfulik, Shaun Jevne, Ryan Bergeron, Anita Locken

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

JLC Racing Liquor License Renewal

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to approve the JLC 3.2% On-Sale and 3.2% Off-Sale Liquor License Renewal.

Roll call vote- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

MN Ave Resurfacing

The resurfacing of MN Ave W was approved at the June 2019 regular meeting. The bid at that time was \$38,000. Agassiz Asphalt has stated that they will be charging the same amount this year. They think that this project should be completed in July. There is also a curb and gutter issue that needs to be repaired on the corner of MN Ave W and Red Willow Road.

Small Cities Development Grant

The city received notice that it was awarded a DEED Small Cities Development Grant of \$1,108,000. This grant is to be used for the Main Street Streetscape work, Residential Rehabilitation, Commercial Rehabilitation, and a Rental Rehabilitation. These grant funds should be available in August. John Wynne has to complete an environmental review before any work can start. Since this project will be completed in 2021, we can add the two blocks of watermain replacement back into the 2021 Main St N project. That would allow for those two blocks to be eligible for grant funds through MN PFA.

Main St N Watermain Replacement Project

City Engineers met with the council to discuss what work needs to be addressed on the Main St N watermain replacement project so they can move forward with completing plans and specifications for this project to be rebid. Some items that should be covered in the project are curb and gutter repairs and the mill and overlay of this street. Neither of these items were part of the bid that was completed this year. Since the scope of this project has changed, another report of feasibility needs to be completed. That also means that the public hearing for this project will need to be held again.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Eric Etherington to approve Wideseth engineers to complete a report of feasibility for the Main Street North Watermain Replacement project with the addition of curb and gutter, mill and overlay work.

Roll call vote- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

The report of feasibility will be ready for the June Council meeting, and the public hearing could be held about two months after that.

COVID Pandemic

Clerk-Treasurer Locken attended a League of MN Cities webinar concerning the parks and COVID 19. The recommendations that came from that webinar are: the first item to consider for all facilities and activities is whether or not you can monitor and enforce the social distance of attendees. LMC recommends that if you cannot enforce the social distancing that you not open a facility and not allow the activities that you can't control. They also suggest that if you do open a facility that you have a staff member that their only job would be to monitor the social distancing.

We are to document why we are making decisions about different facilities.

The League attorney stated that if the city goes against recommended guidelines and someone would get exposed/sick at one of the facilities, our LMCIT insurance coverage would probably not cover us.

Recommendations for cleaning/disinfecting all city facilities:

- PPE (gloves and gowns) should be worn while cleaning.
- Use soap and water first and then disinfect.
- Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned no less than daily.

A daily cleaning plan needs to be developed. You have to document what is being cleaned and when it is being cleaned.

The May 13th executive order did not allow for the opening of the community center, pool, or campground.

Pool concerns if the pool is allowed to open:

- At a bare minimum, we are to state that the diving board and slide are not sanitized. LMC recommends not allowing them to be used.
- Handrails would need to be cleaned at least daily.
- The recommendation is that patrons bring chairs. No tables or chairs should be put out unless you can sanitize in between users.
- Pool capacity should be cut at least in half.
- All social distancing would need to be monitored and followed.
- Bathrooms would need to be cleaned more than once a day.
- Should not hold regular swim lessons, but the new order would allow for lessons of 1 or 2 people at a time. So that would mean private lessons of children in the same family could be held. Red Cross guidelines are to be followed.

The biggest question is how you would monitor the social distancing and how the extra cleaning would be handled. Other concerns are the fact that revenue would be reduced since lessons would not be able to be held, and hours would be limited due to the low number of lifeguards. Most of the guards could not complete the certification training that they needed. Also, new guards were not able to get any of the training they needed. If the pool isn't opened, this would be a great time to complete the pool house renovations. Council was not willing to decide as to whether or not the pool would be opened.

Legion Park Campground-

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Eric Etherington to leave the Legion Park campground closed until it is allowed to reopen under guidance from the State of Minnesota.

Roll call vote- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Spring Clean-Up Week-

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to reschedule the Spring Clean Up Week for June 1-6th.

Roll call vote- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Abstained- Christine Foss

Summer Rec Baseball-

Summer Rec Baseball would like to have some guidance from the council on starting their 2020 season. At this time, the proposed guidance is that they will have to follow social distancing and that they are to have no more than ten individuals practicing together. They are not to hold games. Discussions are to be held with Coach John Wilebski to see how he feels about hosting the baseball season.

Thursdays in the Park-

The Greenbush Community Partners have come up with a preparedness plan for hosting the Thursdays in the park meals. Council was given this plan to review. These events are held under the City and Women of Today food licenses. The MN Department of Health states that these events have to follow the same COVID 19 guidelines as restaurants have to follow.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to approve the Thursdays in the Park preparedness plan and to allow these events to be held.

Roll call vote- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Utilities-

At this time, the city is not able to shut off water services if an account is delinquent. Due to the inability to do this, the city may have to assess some utilities to taxes this year. A business within the city has requested a deferment on their utility service charges since their business was not allowed to be open due to the COVID pandemic. At this time, only three businesses in the city have been completely shut down due to COVID.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Christine Foss the three businesses that have had to be closed due to COVID 19 are to receive a three-month credit for garbage and mosquito control fees.

Roll call vote- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Elections-

Due to a change in regulations, the townships of Dewey and Hereim will be completing their elections by mail-in ballots. The city is not allowed to conduct elections through mail-in ballots, so there will be an in-person primary and general election at the community center. All of the CDC guidelines in place at the time of those elections will need to be followed.

Tax Collection-

The county did not make any changes to the tax collection process due to the pandemic. The city will receive tax payments from the county as usual.

LGA-

There are concerns that LGA could be reduced. The state's budget is showing a \$1.5 billion deficit due to the pandemic.

4th of July-

Plans for holding the 4th of July fireworks are still moving forward. At this time, the race park would not be allowed to open the grandstand for people to watch the fireworks. Anyone wanting to watch the display will need to watch from their car. The show will be held on July 3rd.

Alley behind the CC

Philip Reese is going to be completing the work on the alley behind the community center. He plans on working on it within the next two weeks. The alley will need to be closed while he is working on it.

City-County/Shop

Discussions are on hold at this time.

Pool House

Tabled

Citizen Complaints/Concerns

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to credit the utility account at 154 Co Rd 4 E in the amount of \$180.19 for extra usage due to a water leak in the house.

Roll call vote- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

The council received a complaint about truck traffic on city streets. Since the complaint was not signed, they did not discuss it.

Council members have received complaints about trash accumulation at Judy Morlan's. These complaints had first gone through the city office. The complaint was addressed by the office as allowed by the city's blight ordinance. The next step with the blight ordinance would be to take her to court to get this issue resolved. Outside of a council meeting, select members allowed for a bin to be put in Judy's yard. Without going to court, the city is not permitted to take this action. Public Works Director Jevne was asked to follow up with her to make sure she is putting her trash in the bin. Since the ordinance does not allow for enforcement on this issue council should review the ordinance and make changes to it.

Committee Reports

Public Works- Public Works Director Jevne discussed what he has been working on at this time: Wiktel Fiber Optics project to be completed in July, getting quotes for videos cameras at the compost site, leaf pick-up is done for the year, mosquito larvicide is out, water tower inspection was completed, wastewater pond discharge has started, three hydrants have been fixed, park signs put up.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss to hire one full-time employee as summer help for the public works department.

Roll call vote- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Consent Agenda

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

Roll call vote- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Upcoming Meetings (these meetings will all be held by video until further notice.):

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Brenda Sather
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer