

**The Greenbush City Council held a special meeting at 5:30 pm on May 28, 2020 to discuss and make decisions on any matter related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This meeting was held via a video conference due Governor Walz's Peacetime State of Emergency declaration concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the pandemic face to face meetings pose a health risk to the public.**

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

**Others Present:** Ryan Bergeron, Anita Locken

**Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.**

### **Purpose**

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### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

Mayor Sather met with the full-time city employees on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held to discuss the opening of city facilities. Clerk-Treasurer Locken discussed enforcement of COVID guidelines with City Attorney Michelle Moren. Attorney Moren stated that all city officials and employees are to follow the guidelines and it is everyone's responsibility to say something if they see a guideline not being followed. No city official is to turn a blind eye to the guidelines.

#### **Playground Equipment-**

Playground equipment has been opened. Signage stating the equipment is not sanitized has been put in the parks. The signage also includes the required information concerning following the CDC guidelines.

**M/S/P Dennis Filer/Shawn Walsh** to keep the playground equipment open following CDC guidance and signage.

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

#### **Pool-**

When pools are allowed to open:

- Public Works Director Jevne stated July 1<sup>st</sup> is the soonest he would have the pool up and running if the council decides to open it.
- Attorney Michelle Moren recommends that if the pool opens that the city hire an adult just to enforce the COVID guidelines.
- Red Cross guidance is that all employees and patrons should be screened for COVID symptoms before they enter the facility.
- Red Cross guidance states that lifeguards are on duty to only monitor swimmers. They are not to monitor the enforcement of COVID guidelines.
- Lifeguards and patrons are to wear facemasks.
- Red Cross guidance is that swimmers are to stay the 6 feet apart. All other patrons are to follow social distancing too.
- 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.
- No shared items such as pool toys, lifejackets should be provided unless they can be sanitized in between each user.
- Pool capacity should be cut at least in half. Our capacity at 50% is 50 patrons.
- Bathrooms would need to be cleaned more than once a day.

- Under MDH guidelines, we 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 Mayor and staff recommendation at this time are not to open the pool and instead to complete the pool house renovations.

#### 2019 Pool Financial Report

##### Revenue

Family Pass	\$ 8,750.00
Individual Pass	\$ 1,875.00
Lessons	\$ 5,175.00
Open Swim/Concessions	\$ 7,511.52
	\$ 23,311.52

##### Expenses

Wages	\$ 22,944.57
Insurances	\$ 4,212.23
Operating	\$ 25,935.41
Uniforms/Training	\$ 2,527.15
Reserves	\$ 18,000.00
	\$ 73,619.36

Operating Loss \$ 50,307.84

If the pool opens on July 1, this would only allow the pool to be open for six weeks. The reduced time open and not having lessons would greatly reduce the pool's revenue. The lifeguards have started to question whether or not they have a job for the summer.

**M/S/P Christine Foss/Dennis Filer** to not open the pool because we will not be able to enforce the guidelines, and the city is to move forward with completing the pool house renovations this year.

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

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer** to have city staff to work with the Fire Department to look into the possibility of filling personal pool this summer and to allow the fire department to fill the pools is feasible.

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

##### Park Shelters-

MN DNR guidance is that all picnic tables need to be more than 6 feet apart to discourage people from congregating. MN Stay Safe at this time only allows for ten or fewer individuals to gather at a time. Restrooms at Jaycees Shelter and Welcome Park are locked at this time.

**M/S/P Dennis Filer/Christine Foss** to leave the shelter restrooms closed at Welcome Park and the Jaycees Shelter.

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

##### Legion Park Campground-

June 1<sup>st</sup>, the city campground can open under MN DNR guidance.

- As a best practice, it is recommended that campsites unscreened by vegetation be at least 50 feet apart from the centerlines of surrounding campsite spurs and the adjacent campsite, or at least 30 feet apart from the near sides of adjoining spurs. Our six electric and water campsites are 30 feet on center apart. That allows for 3 electric and water sites to be open.
- Fire rings are not to be out for use.

- The recommendation from the Mayor and staff is to leave the bathrooms closed and only allow for self-contained camping.
- Public Works staff is to monitor the park daily to make sure non-opened campsites are not being used and that all campers are the required distance from each other. They are to ask anyone parked in the wrong spot to move or let them know they are going to have to leave our campground.
- All CDC guidelines are to be followed by employees and campground patrons.

The city office has received some calls from construction workers about camping at the campground. Clerk-Treasurer Locken check with LMC and they stated that the city could not open for them until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**M/S/P Dennis Filer/Eric Etherington** to open three Legion Park electric campsites, leave the restroom facility closed and to only allow self-contained camping.

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

Golf Course-

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss** to accept the golf course COVID plan and to allow them to be open.

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

Summer Rec Baseball-

The Summer Rec Baseball program has provided the council with their initial plan for starting their youth baseball season. They will be following all CDC, MDH, and baseball association guidelines.

**M/S/P Dennis Filer/Christine Foss** to accept the Summer Rec Baseball COVID plan and to allow them to start their season.

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

Farmers Market-

At this time there has not been any discussion about hosting farmers markets. They are considered an essential service since they provide food.

**M/S/P Dennis Filer/Eric Etherington** to allow the farmers market and to allow city staff to determine if their plan is reasonable.

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

Dirt Bike Race Track-

At this time races are allowed. Only riders and race workers can be in attendance. No spectators are allowed. Organizers Erin and Stuart Eeg are working on their plan for holding races this year.

**M/S/P Eric Etherington/Shawn Walsh** to allow city staff to review and determine if their plan is reasonable.

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

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade-

The council was provided the proposed plans and map for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

- The lineup of parade in usual location along Old Hwy 11
- Parade entrants will be required to fill out a google registration form.
- Parade entrants stay in their vehicles while lining up.
- Workers go along parade will wear masks and gloves.
- Check with Aaron and Melissa Weil to see if they could broadcast the parade over their FM station.
- No candy etc. would be thrown out

-The parade would follow an alternate route through town. The route would follow along streets with none or very little sidewalks, so you have less chance of people congregating. The proposed route is attached. The only sidewalk on the route is the block in front of the post office.

-Promote that parking is on the east side of the street only. This is to allow the parade to pass through the streets safely.

-Promote that people should be respectful of private residences along the route and not block the homeowner's ability to watch the parade. Should a homeowner block the street in front of their house, you are not to park on the other side of the street.

-All State of MN, Federal, and CDC guidelines in place at the time of the parade will be followed.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer** the council supports the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and is willing to allow Greenbush Community Partners to work with city staff to finalize parade details.

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

#### Bars and Restaurants Reopening-

The bars and restaurants are allowed to open for outdoor seating as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. No indoor seating is permitted at this time. The bars would need to have their liquor license and liquor liability insurance adjusted to allow for outdoor seating. Pull tabs can be sold and played in an outdoor extension of the business. Each business that would like to extend its liquor license to outdoor seating will have to provide the council with a map showing the extension. They also have to provide updated liquor liability insurance certification that covers the extended area. Council then has to approve the change to the liquor license. The updates, including the insurance certification and map, have to be submitted to the MN Department of Alcohol and Gambling for approval. The businesses can't serve alcohol outdoors until these steps are followed. There is also a limit of seating for up to 50 patrons. Patrons have to have reservations for meals that are to be served outdoors. At this time, Remedies and American Legion were deciding if they even want to pursue this option. Rockin' 50's will not be offering outdoor seating.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm, June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, and Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.**

Brenda Sather  
Mayor

Anita Locken  
Clerk-Treasurer