

The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on November 15th, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community Center.

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

Others Present in Person: Janet Emery, Shaun Jevne, and Lynsi Hansen

Absent: Dennis Filer

Public Comments-

Sheep Palace Expenses/Robotics

The city owns the Sheep Palace and is letting the GMR Robotics Team use it to store their robot. The GMR School covers half of the propane bill, otherwise the city takes care of all the other financials. Public works is running out of room in the New city shop and would like to be able to use the sheep palace to hold equipment. Council member Josh Kern said to meet with Russ and Mary Anderson about what their plan is for the future, and if they have other options.

Janet Emery- Garbage Rates

Janet Emery was in to ask about garbage rates. Janet asked, "Why the rates haven't gone down now that garbage pick up is once a week instead of twice." Council Member Shawn Walsh explained to Janet that the rate was set up for pick up once a week. Jon's Auto Salvage has offered to pick up twice a week during the summer months with no extra charge to the contract.

Water Meters/Hightide Quote

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern approval for public works Shaun Jevne to return the 28 E-series current meters that we received and purchase the E-series plus meters with the balance we have remaining of ARPA funds at that point. The amount will depend on the restocking fee.

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

Running Water Credit

Put in work orders for public works to check the individuals who have called so far, on running their water. Residents can only receive credit once public works have checked your temperature and approves you to run your water.

Audit 2021

M/S/P Josh Kern/ Shawn Walsh approval of 2021 Audit that was presented by our public CPA- Crystelle Phillip on July 19th, 2022.

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

2023 Firework Purchase Agreement

M/S/P Josh Kern/Christine Foss approval of purchasing Fireworks at \$5,500 to be held on July 3rd, 2023.

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

2023 Health Rates

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Christine Foss approval of the new rates increasing and still covering the full-time employees with the increase.

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

Small Cities Development Program Contracts

Clerk Hansen informed the council of the business owners who have received grants funds to update their business on Main Street North.

Proposed 2023 Budget

The personnel committee would like to review performance evaluations on the Clerk, Public works, Custodian and Pool Manager. The personnel committee will also discuss COLA/Raises for certain employees. Reviews will be discussed at the next council meeting on December 20th, 2022.

Council Member Resigning

Council Member Dennis Filer has indicated to Mayor Etherington that he would like to resign as a council member. Council Member Shawn Walsh spoke up asking if they must appoint someone or have another election. Eric's response was to not have a special election but to have an application period. He suggested that we plan to take applications until the next meeting, then go through them at that point. And make a motion to approve that individual to start next year. The council asked Clerk Hansen to contact the League of Minnesota Cities to see what the proper steps are for appointing a new council member.

Golf Cart/ ATV Ordinance

The city sent a proposed Ordinance to attorney Michelle Moren to review and finalize.

Committee/ Public works Report

The street department is busy scraping streets and fixing on the snowplows. Their plan is to haul out snow the rest of the week. The Water Treatment plant pump 2 is down and getting a quote from hightide on how much it would cost to replace.

Santa days are coming up and public works are responsible for putting out burn barrels during the parade of lights. Request to have extra pieces of wood, as last year they ran out.

Consent Agenda

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine 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:

Special Meeting with Jessica Kuznia

Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30pm, December 20th, 2022, January 17th, and February 21st, 2023.

M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh to adjourn the meeting.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Eric Etherington

Mayor

Lynsi Hansen

Clerk-Treasurer