

The regular meeting of the Greenbush City Council was held on November 18, 2019, in the Greenbush Library Conference Room at 5:30 pm.

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Election Polling Place

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to pass Resolution 2019-20 Designating Polling Place Location.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

2019 Water Project

The city council held its public hearing on the 2019 Water Project assessments along Old Hwy 11. There were no objections to the assessments. A total of \$137,013.84 in assessments will be put on property taxes. These assessments will be for 15 years at 2.5%.

M/S/P Christine Foss/Eric Etherington to pass Resolution 2019-21 Adopting Assessment.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

2020 Main St N Water Project

The city council held its first assessment public hearing for the 2020 Main St N Water Project. One individual came in for more information on how the process works but had no objections. This project will run north on Main St N from Mn Ave W to CSAH #4. Then east along CSAH #4 to Oak Street. Then south again along Oak Street. The proposed project costs are \$779,162.80. Of those costs \$134,921.80 would be 100% funded by the city. The assessable amount of this project is \$257,696.40. The estimated cost per front footage is \$74.76 per foot. Plans would need to be completed in March in order for this project to move forward.

M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer to approve Resolution 2019-22 Accepting the Feasibility Report, Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Proposed 2020 Budget

Council decided to budget for 2 full-time public works employees and not 3. The proposed levy increase for 3 employees is 19%. With only budgeting for the 2 employees, making increases on line items that are continuously over budget and keeping a fair amount in the street repairs the proposed increase is 10.4%. If council would like to decrease the levy further, they will need to make line item reductions at the December meeting. The other departmental budgets have not changed much. Clerk-Treasurer Locken is recommending a small increase to the water fees to make sure that they fund keeps ahead of its debt service. Those proposed rate increases will be presented to council at the December meeting.

Request to Pave the Alley behind the CC

The city engineers presented council with the feasibility report for paving the alley behind the community center. The cost for concrete construction is \$126,000 and the cost for asphalt construction is \$85,800. The is designed to have an inverted crown so water will flow away from the buildings and off the alley better. This alley has a drainage issue that needs to be addressed. The drainage issue is one of the reasons why the community center foundation was sinking. This project will be assessed 100% since it was a citizen request that brought the issue forward.

Construction of this project would be completed the summer of 2020. The benefit of a concrete surface is that it has less up keep in the future. The next step will be to hold a public hearing on the project. That hearing will be held in January.

Potential Changes to Clerk-Treasurer Position

Tabled

Job Descriptions

Tabled

City-County/Shop

Mayor Sather, Clerk-Treasurer Locken, and City Attorney Michelle Moren met with County Attorney Kristy Kjos, County Engineer Brian Ketring and Ryan Muirhead. Discussion was held on how to clarify the agreement between the city and the county. It was suggested that the city and the county hold the property deed in both entities' names. The city will probably need to start making its annual payment in 2020.

Pool House

We are waiting on bids from contractors.

Citizen Complaints/Concerns

Committee Reports

Council reviewed the work order report. There are 3 water meters that need to be fixed. Lift station 5 homeowners have been contacted to disconnect their sump pumps from the sewer. Public Works Director Jevne is recommending the city purchase a 12' artificial tree for the tree lighting ceremony. Community members and council were not to keen on the idea.

Consent Agenda

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

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Eric Etherington, Shawn Walsh

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm, December 16th, Tuesday, January 21st and Tuesday, February 18th
- Truth-in-Taxation Meeting: December 16th at 6:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Brenda Sather
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer