

The regular meeting of the Greenbush City Council was held October 15, 2018 in the Greenbush Library Conference Room at 5:30 pm.

Members present: Council Members Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

Others Present: Mike Strodtman, Shawn Walsh, Shaun Jevne, Ryan Bergeron, Anita Locken

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Shawn Walsh Water Issue

Shawn Walsh was in to discuss a water spike in his water usage. He averages 8,000-9,000 gallons of water usage each month. He had a spike of 15,000 gallons per month. His children were home all summer and he did water his lawn while he was on temporary water. Nothing in his house is leaking. The issue has resolved itself.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Dennis Filer to adjust one month of Shawn Walsh's water usage back to his monthly average.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Scott Waage

Public Hearing for Wellhead Protection Plan

Public Hearing opened at 5:36

Mike Strodtman the Wellhead Protection Plan for council. The intent of the plan is to protect the city's water supply from contaminants. The DWSMA map shows how far water can travel through the soils in a 10-year period and what could be potential contaminants for the water supply. Our DWSMA should that we are a low vulnerability area. Our soils are rich in clay and will block most contaminants from entering our water supply. The plan also outlines the steps that the city will take in order to implement the plan once it is approved by the MN Department of Health (MDH). Once MDH approves the plan it will need to be renewed every 10 years. Mike will continue to help the city with this plan and its implementation.

Christine Foss arrived at 5:41 pm

Public Hearing closed at 5:50 pm.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Scott Waage to approve submitting the Wellhead Protection Plan to the MN Department of Health.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

Lions Temporary Liquor License

M/S/P Christine Foss/Dennis Filer to approve the Greenbush-Badger Lions temporary liquor license for December 7, 2018 at the new city shop.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

1997 Ford Pickup

The 1997 Ford Pickup is excess equipment and Public Works Director Jevne was wondering if the council would be willing to sell it on bids.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Christine Foss to name the 1997 Ford Pickup as excess equipment and for bids to be taken for its sale.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

2019 Health Insurance Quote

Council was presented the 2019 health insurance quote from Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP). This quote will increase the health insurance premium of all employees by \$81.78 per month. At this time the city does not get dental insurance through PEIP. Our current provider is Sun Life Insurance. The cost for dental insurance at this time is \$247.52 per month. If we switch to PEIP the premium would be \$169.64 per month. That change would save the city \$77.88 per month and would almost wipe out the increase in the health insurance.

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Scott Waage to approve changing dental insurance in 2019 from Sun Life Insurance to Public Employees Insurance Program.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

M/S/P Dennis Filer/Scott Waage to approve the 2019 renewal of health insurance from Public Employees Insurance Program.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

Zoning Ordinance Violation

Oleg Golovkine has built a building on Trina Gusts property. This building was built without a zoning permit. If he would have obtained a permit, he would have been told that he could not build in that location due to the setback in that area. He has violated the ordinance in 2 ways: not obtaining a zoning permit and building on someone else's property. Because of the way our ordinance is written we can't send him a letter of the violation and the only remedy we would have is to turn it over to the Sheriff's Department as a misdemeanor. Our zoning ordinance should be revised to have a clear method of dealing with ordinance violations. Public Works Director Jevne is to talk with Mr. Golovkine to see if he will remove the building.

FD Explorers Bill

M/S/P Scott Waage/Christine Foss to approve the Fire Department Explorers bill with Northern Light Council be paid out of the donation fund.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

Plow Truck

The snow plow truck is having issues with its transmission. It is at Hlucny Repair at this time. He has found a company in Grand Forks that has the part to fix the transmission. The part cost is \$2,500 along with another \$250 for the calibration of part. Hlucny Repair will be able to put the part in.

M/S/P Scott Waage/Dennis Filer to approve up to \$5,500 to fix the transmission in the snow plow truck.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

Potential 2019 Water Projects

Council was provided with the projected cost to reconstruct Main Street. These costs are for water main, asphalt and sidewalk replacement. These costs only replace the street as it currently is. The total estimated cost is \$818,293.81. The water main costs are estimated at \$222,642.00. At this time if the city moves forward with this project all costs would need to be covered by a bond. MN PFA did not include this project in their 2019 funding. If we do wait with this project the only costs that MN PFA would cover are the watermain and replacement of the asphalt that would have been removed due to the project. Any other costs would be paid for through a bond at that time. This project will be assessed. Council needs to decide if they want to move forward with this or if they want to wait until MN PFA might fund it. The problem with waiting is that the sidewalks and asphalt are already in bad shape and will continue

to deteriorate. Council would like to have a public meeting with the Main Street businesses to see what their thoughts are before they move forward with this project. A meeting is to be set up.

2018- Infrastructure Projects- Assessment Roll

M/S/P Christine Foss/Scott Waage to approve Resolution 2018-13 for Hearing on Proposed Assessment.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

Robotics Using Old City Shop

Mayor Sather, Council Member Foss, Public Works Director Jevne and Clerk-Treasurer Locken will be meeting with the Robotics representatives tomorrow to discuss everyone's needs and concerns.

Potential change to the Clerk-Treasurer Position

Still working on job descriptions.

Cardboard Recycling

Still need to have the bin delivered. Research is being completed to see if we can get an employee through Work Experience to watch the cardboard bin. Once the bin comes people will be able to bring cardboard by appointment only until we can work out an employee.

FY 2019 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget was provided to council for review.

City County/Shop

The county has not provided any new information on the accounting of the project. County Engineer Ketring is to call to set up a meeting once all of the accounting is completed. We have not made a payment to the county at this time.

Trap Club/Race Park- Deed Changes

The attorney is still working on these deeds.

Trap Club/Race Park- Leases

The leases still need to be signed. A meeting with Eegs needs to set up to discuss some of the concerns with their lease.

Pool House

Working on getting a bid that will allow the work to be completed in the spring.

Street Signs

Public works is waiting for the signs.

Williamson Update

Mr. Williamson let the city employees know that they found a leak in the basement. Their problem was not a city issue.

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Jevne let council know that we have an employee out with medical issues again. They will be out at least 2 weeks. We will need to hire a temporary employee again.

M/S/P Christine Foss/Dennis Filer to allow Public Works Director Jevne bring in a temporary employee to help until the other employee is back to work.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

We still have building materials left from the construction of the water treatment plant. We have siding and bricks. They are being stored in the cold storage of the old shop.

M/S/P Christine Foss/Dennis Filer to name the siding and brick building materials as excess equipment and for bids to be taken for the sale of said materials.

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Scott Waage

Citizen Complaints/Concerns

We had a citizen complaint due to high water usage. The meter at this house was not reading. The public works crew found that the meter reader had been disconnected from the meter so the readings could not be sent to the computer for billing. Once the meter was reconnected it read all of the water that was used while it was disconnected. So, in this case all of the water was used by these individuals. They were told that they could pay the amount that they had paid last month and then the bill could be adjusted the next month once we would have a meter reading to get an average with. Council agreed with this and the property owner was to be told this again.

Committee Reports

Christine Foss left at 6:36 pm.

Consent Agenda

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

In Favor- Brenda Sather, Dennis Filer, Scott Waage

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm on Nov 19th, Dec 17th and Tuesday, January 22nd
- Public Hearing for Assessments: October 30th at 5:30 pm
- Truth-in-Taxation Meeting: December 17th at 6:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Brenda Sather
Mayor

Anita Locken
Clerk-Treasurer