

**The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on September 20, 2021, at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community Center.**

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

Others Present in Person: Jerry Maxwell, Kent Christian, Shaun Jevne, Ryan Bergeron, Anita Locken

Other Present via Electronic Methods: none

**Softball Donation Request**

Greenbush-Middle River Softball Coach Kent Christian was in to ask the council to help fund a new restroom/storage/press box facility at the school softball complex. The current restroom facility consists of single-stall bathrooms that are not ADA compliant. This summer, some softball players used the pool restroom facilities and wrecked some tiles with their cleats. Also, an individual using the restroom facilities tried using the sink as an aid to get up. In the process, they pulled the sink off the wall and fell, hitting their head. The softball and summer rec baseball programs both use these fields. The softball and baseball programs have raised \$25,000 in donations to help fund this project. At this time, the estimated cost of the project is \$74,000. The plan for the building is ADA compliant. The bathrooms will have more stalls in them. This facility would be located between fields 2 & 3. Mr. Christian is asking that the city fund 1/3 of the costs for this project. The buildings and trades class would be constructing the building during the school year. Mr. Christian would like to see the construction completed by the end of May. The council asked Mr. Christian to look into the ADA compliance a little further. The concern is that there may need to be sidewalks to this facility.

**Legion Temporary Liquor License**

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Christine Foss** to approve the Legion Temporary Liquor License application for October 23, 2021.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

**LSS Senior Meals in the Conference Room**

With the closing of the Rockin' 50's café, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) had to find a way to continue to serve senior meals in Greenbush. At this time, LSS is cooking the meals in Karlstad and delivering them to Greenbush. The seniors can either eat in the Library Conference Room or receive meals through Meals on Wheels. LSS would like to have a site agreement with the city to provide the meals in the conference room. The League of MN Cities Insurance Trust has reviewed the proposed site agreement and would like a line struck from the agreement. They would also like to have the city listed as an additional insured LSS insurance policy.

**M/S/P Christine Foss/Josh Kern** to approve the LSS site agreement for meals in the Library conference room with the updated proposed verbiage from League of MN Cities Insurance Trust.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

**Roseau County Local Sales Tax**

At the August 24, 2021, Roseau County Commissioners meeting, the county board passed a resolution implementing a half-percent Local Option Sales Tax. This tax will affect the tax on commercial water accounts. The tax goes into effect on January 1, 2022, so the first billing that will change will be the February billing.

**Old Chain Link Fence**

An individual is interested in the old chain link fence from the pool. The city does not have any use for it at this time.

**M/S/P Christine Foss/Shawn Walsh** to put the old pool chain link fence and all other materials associated with the fence out on bids. The council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids are due at the next council meeting.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

### **Limited English Plan**

The city is required to have a limited English plan in place due to USDA grants received. This plan explains how the city would deal with an individual who spoke little English and needed help with translation for any city programs. At this time, census data shows no one in the community speaks limited English.

**M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh** to approve the Limited English Plan as presented.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

### **Ottertail Street Light Changes**

Ottertail has changed out all of the city's streetlights to LED. They would like for the council to acknowledge the change and the change to the monthly rates.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern** to approve Ottertail's changes to update the LED street lights in the city.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

### **Pool**

Council Member Walsh would like a replacement for the grass at the pool to be researched before the pool opens next summer.

### **Main St Water Project**

The council needs to decide what type of banners they would like for the new street lights on Main St. The old banners will not fit these poles.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Dennis Filer** to approve the purchase of 4 different seasonal banners for each of the eight light poles on Main St.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

### **Welcome Park Bridge**

The DNR permits for cleaning the river and bridge work have been approved. Jared Foss will be able to remove the bridge for the city. The bridge will be stored at the shop. MN DOT is working on adding a walking lane on State Hwy 32 when they redo that asphalt.

**M/S/P Josh Kern/Shawn Walsh** to remove the Welcome Park bridge and put it out on bids. A picnic table or bench is to be put at the end of the sidewalk to the river

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

## **County Law Enforcement Coverage**

County Sheriff Steve Gust told Council Member Walsh that the 20 hours per week that the city is asking the county to provide would not be worth their time. He would have to hire a part-time officer to provide that service. He figured the base rate if the county provided this service would be \$90.00 per hour. The Roseau County Commissioners would need to approve any plan. It would cost the city well over \$100,000 per year to reopen the city police department. Anyone can request that an MN DNR officer come to the city to address an ATV complaint. The sheriff is working on having more of a presence in the city. The council will need to decide if they want to attend a county commissioner's meeting to discuss this matter with them.

## **Proposed Budget**

The council was provided an updated proposed budget as previously discussed. The revised proposed water fund budget included changes to the principal and interest payments after the assessment prepayments are made. The city also discussed the option of reducing the amount levied for the 2006 sewer bond. Since the city takes in enough monthly fees to cover the bond payments, levying the entire principal amount is unnecessary.

**M/S/P Christine Foss/Dennis Filer** to approve Resolution 2021-12 Approving the Proposed 2021 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2022. The general fund levy amount of \$336,733.00.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

**M/S/P Christine Foss/Josh Kern** to approve Resolution 2021-13 Reducing the 2022 Debt levy of the 2006-\$250,000 GO Bond levy by \$10,000. The final bond levy is to be \$4,599.00.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

## **Ordinance Violations**

The council decided at the public hearing how to deal with the two individuals that had not remedied their ordinance 95 violation.

## **Public Works**

The pool is being winterized this week. The main street project is finishing up. The asphalt will be laid this week. The council would like to see an asphalt buffer on the two blocks of the businesses installed along with the first lift of the asphalt.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern** to approve up to \$10,000 to install a curb lip and the milling of said lip in 2022 on the two business blocks of Main St.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

## **Consent Agenda**

**M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer** 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, Josh Kern

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30 pm, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

**M/S/P Josh Kern/Dennis Filer** to adjourn the meeting.

**In favor:** Eric Etherington, Dennis Filer, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern

This meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Eric Etherington  
Mayor

Anita Locken  
Clerk-Treasurer