

Pennock City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Pennock City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pennock Community Center. The following members were present Mayor Kevin Crowley, Council members Jeff Arends and Bruce Bastin. Absent were Mackenzie Laughlin and Laurie Maresch. Also present were Donovan Peters, resident Jenni Thorpe, David Eurele with Westberg Eischens, PLLP and Rob Viera with Verizon Wireless.

Mayor Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Council member Arends to accept the Agenda as presented; Council member Bastin seconds the motion.

Motion by Council member Bastin to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the June 2, 2020 Council minutes and to pay all the July bills; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Deputy Levi Brown was not present for the sheriff's report but did provide the report to Clerk Johnson. For the month June there were 46.5 hours.

### **CITIZENS FORUM**

*Jenni Thorpe* - Was present wondering if they were able to have the Halloween Haunted Basement again on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Due to the COVID-19 no decision was made.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rob Viera with Verizon Wireless presented a site plan of the possibility of putting a tower out at the brush site. Motion by Council member Arends to continue to pursue with the plans on putting up a tower at the brush site; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

David Euerle with Westberg Eischens, PLLP presented the 2019 Audit Report. He mentioned that in the General Fund the revenues have exceeded expenditures 3 out of 4 years and the cash balance at year end is greater than annual expenditures. The Water Fund is in good shape. The Sewer Fund is operating at a loss due to depreciation. Total cash balance across all funds has decreased. Overall, the City is in good shape. Council member Bastin made a motion to accept the audit as presented; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

*Dirk's Fourth Addition Lots and Covenants* – Council member Bastin said that he has been in contact with a couple of movers and have mentioned that the covenants are a bit

restricted. Mayor Crowley and Council member Bastin will meet and bring to the August Council meeting some possible amendments to the covenants.

*St. John's Township Brush Site and Community Center use* – There was discussion on how to bill them, but no decisions were made.

*Laptop for the City* – Council member Bastin made a motion to purchase one; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

*Community Center Rentals* – Council member Arends made a motion not to allow rentals due to the COVID-19 and will be reviewed at the September Council meeting; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Curb stop at 226 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE* – It was mentioned that the city is unable to locate the curb stop so the city will need to excavate to try and locate it. If water needs to be turned off the entire City will need to be shut off.

*Fireworks* – It was mentioned that someone was shooting fireworks on City property. Who would be liable if there was damage?

*Growmobile* - Will be outside the Pennock Community Center on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

*Pennock Fun Days* - Has been cancelled for 2020. Hope to see you in 2021.

*Elections* - It was mentioned that Primary Elections is Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at the Pennock Community Center from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The General Elections is Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. along with Pennock City Council offices of Mayor (2-year term), Council members (two positions, 4-year terms each). Affidavits of Candidacy is July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Filing fee for candidacy is \$2.00.

*Natural Gas* – Council member Bastin mentioned that he spoke with Center Point Energy. Their response back was that they are working on a few things out in this area. They are trying to come up with a way to serve Pennock but it will be a few years out. There are some challenges that they have to figure out on their end.

Being no further business Council member Bastin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Official minutes will be approved at the Tuesday, August 4, 2020 Council meeting.

Dawn Johnson  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer