

Pennock City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Pennock City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pennock Community Center. The following members were present Mayor Kevin Crowley, Council members Jeff Arends, Bruce Bastin, Kerry Gross and Karen Skaggs. Also present were residents Bill and Laurie Miller and Mike Schackman, Deputy Meghan Dimler and maintenance employee Donovan Peters.

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

Motion by Council member Arends to accept the agenda as presented with the addition of adding the May 13, 2024 Public Hearing minutes to the consent agenda; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Motion by Council member Gross to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the May 7, 2024 Council minutes, May 7, 2024 Public Hearing minutes and the May 13, 2024 Public Hearing minutes and to pay all the June bills; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

## **OPEN REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

*Sheriff's Report* – Deputy Dimler was present for the sheriff's report. For the month of April there were 63.5 hours and for the month of May there were 48.75 hours.

## **CITIZENS FORUM**

*Bill and Laurie Miller*

- Are wanting to replace their single car garage with a double stall garage. They were informed that they will need to apply for a variance. Mrs. Miller inquired if it would be a definite no.

*Mike Schackman*

- Mentioned if Swanson could farm the city land out at the brush site.
- Questioned why there were trees marked with a black X. Clerk Johnson will check on it.
- Inquired about the property at 409 Atlantic Avenue NE – Who purchased it and what it sold for?
- Asked if there was a new mowing program at the pond site because the grass is all brown.
- Showed pictures of a house that he is proposing to move onto the property at 213 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE.

- Inquired if the City could do something with the property at 306 Dakota Avenue NE.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Clean-up Day follow up* – Clerk Johnson mentioned that she thought that the curb side pick-up went well except for the couple of couches that were dumped afterwards. Council member Arends mentioned that there were people digging in the metal pile.

*Pothole and Manhole repairs* – Barga Incorporated sent a new quote of \$14,000.00 for infrared heating for potholes and manholes. Motion by Council member Arends to accept the new quote; Council Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

*Sidewalk in front of D & D Ag Supply* – It was said if we do in front of their building the entire block should be done. There was discussion about having a 60/40 split of having D & D Ag Supply pay for the cement in front of the building and the city would pay for the width of a normal sidewalk. Table until next meeting to look at getting some new estimates.

*Joe's Auto Repair Survey update* - The City did a survey to find property lines due to Joe wanting the city to pay for the repair of the pavement due to a water leak. Motion by Council member Gross to pay 75% of the repair of the pavement that is in the city alley; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. In favor were council members Bastin, Gross and Skaggs. Opposed was council member Arends. The motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Watermain Looping Project* – Motion by Council member Arends to transfer funds from the general capital reserve fund to cover the payment # 1 of \$91,566.70; Council member Gross seconds the motion. The motion passed.

*Dirk' Fourth Addition Committee Update* – Council member Bastin presented some changes that the committee has come up with for the covenants. Mayor Crowley said that everyone should review the changes and bring back any comments to the July meeting.

*Community Center Window Improvements* – Received a quote from Haats Masonry, LLC for the amount of \$10,103.00 for replacing some of the basement windows with 8" x 8" gas filled glass block. Motion by Council member Bastin to replace the two westside windows for the amount of \$4840.00; Council member Skaggs seconds the motion. The motion passed.

*Brush Site* – Clerk Johnson mentioned that she received a call from Tim Swanson on people driving around the stakes to go out to the brush site and he does not want them driving on his crops. It was mentioned that he is willing to farm the city land to help with keeping the weeds down. Motion by Council member Arends to give Tim Swanson permission to farm the city

land; Council member Gross seconds the motion. In favor were council members Arends, Gross and Skaggs. Opposed was council member Bastin. The motion passed.

*Ballfield Dugout* – Council member Arends mentioned that Bruce Luepke with the Lions contacted him that they need additional lumber for the dugout. The additional cost would be approximately \$500.00. Motion by Council member Skaggs to approve purchasing the additional lumber; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Maintenance employee Peters mentioned that he is going to be 70 years old, and he is looking at someone else to be responsible for snowplowing this coming winter.

Being no further business Council member Gross made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Official minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

Dawn Johnson  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer