

Pennock City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Pennock City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 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 Lisa Grindberg, Michelle Haefner with Bethesda, residents Jim and Sue Kidrowski, Lance and Lindsey Crowe and Adam Schultz 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; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Motion by Council member Arends to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the April 2, 2024 Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes and the April 2, 2024 Council minutes and to pay all the May bills; Council member Gross seconds the motion. The motion passed.

OPEN REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Sheriff's Report – Deputy Dimler was not present for the sheriff's report.

Council member Bastin made a motion to adjourn the May regular council meeting at 7:02 p.m. to have the Public Hearing for the Bethesda Senior Housing Project – Housing Program; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

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Public Hearing**

Michelle Haefner with Bethesda was present to give information on the Bethesda Senior Housing Project and to answer any questions. Project consists of 118 units.

Council member Gross made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing; Council member Skaggs seconds the motion. The motion passed. The public Hearing was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Mayor Crowley opened the regular council meeting at 7:07 p.m.

CITIZENS FORUM

Jim Kidrowski

- Questioned about moving the speed limit sign on County Road 1 South. This is not a city street, so the city is not able to make that change.
- Questioned about putting up vehicle noise law enforced signs on Hwy 12. It was said that he has brought this up a couple of times already and being this is not a city street the city is not able to enforce it. Clerk Johnson said that she has talked to the County and State about this already a couple of times.
- Asked about spraying for dandelions. It was said that the city will look into it in the fall.
- He would like to thank maintenance employee Peters for the good job he has done with snow plowing this winter.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 Mowing Packets – The mowing bids were opened; there were 2 bidders. Council awarded the following bids to:

- Picnic Shelter Along Atlantic Avenue NE, Lots East and South across from the Post Office – Heather Schultz @ \$38.00
- Community Center – Lindsey Crowe @ \$38.00
- West Side Park – Lindsey Crowe @ \$27.00
- East Side Park – Lindsey Crowe @ \$25.00

Motion by Council member Arends to accept the bids as awarded and if the bidder has questions, they are to contact Clerk Johnson; Council member Skaggs seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Clean-up Day – Is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024 and the city is doing curb side pick-up this year. Mayor Crowley mentioned that Clerk Johnson sent out information with the utility bills.

Emeral Ash Borer Infestation – Mayor Crowley mentioned that the city had a presentation given by Shawn Sweeney with Leaf & Lake Consulting on treating the trees. Motion by Council member Skaggs to have trees treated with a cap of \$10,000.00 for the first time; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Resolution for the Bethesda Senior Housing Project – Motion by Council member Gross to adopt the resolution approving the issuance and sale of senior housing revenue notes and authorizing the execution of documents relating thereto and approval of a joint powers agreement for the Bethesda Senior Housing Project; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken with Council member Arends, Bastin, Gross and Skaggs in favor and Mayor Crowley in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

One-time Public Safety Aid – The City received \$20,961.00. Motion by Council member Gross for 2/3 allocated to the City for Police Protection and 1/3 allocated to the Fire Department; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. Council member Arends abstained. Motion passed.

Crack Filling – Received a quote from Barga Inc. for Gap Mastic Repairs of \$23,843.00 and Asphalt Infrared Heat Repairs on Potholes of \$10,000.00. Motion by Council member Gross to do the Gap Mastic Repairs eliminating 3rd Street South of Winnebago and to do the Asphalt Infrared Heat Repairs on Potholes not to exceed \$10,000.00; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Flower Bed across from the Post Office – The Lions Club wants to take over the maintenance of the flower bed. Received a quote from Creekside Greenhouses of \$260.75 for flowers and is wanting assistance from the city. Motion by Council member Arends to pay for the flowers; Council member Skaggs seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Ball Diamond Dugout – The Lions Club wants to repair the dugout. The Lions Club received a quote from Southside Lumber for approximately \$1500.00 for lumber and are asking for \$1000.00 donation to the Lions Club for labor. Motion by Council member Arends to pay \$2500.00 towards the repair of the dugout; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Sapling Trees – The Lions Club is donating 9 sapling trees to the city.

Sidewalk in front of D & D Ag Supply – D & D Ag Supply would like to replace the sidewalk in front of their building. They presented a quote of \$3850.00 for a 10' x 50' area for removal, material and labor. Motion by Council member Bastin to table until June to do more research; Council member Skaggs seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Joe's Auto Repair property – Motion by Council member Bastin to have the property surveyed; Council member Gross seconds the motion. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kerry Gross mentioned that he received a letter from Richland Acquisitions, LLC regarding purchasing lots. It looks like it is scam.

Clerk Johnson requested the full amount of \$2000.00 from the EDC for the watermain looping project.

There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. to review the house that Marcus Building Movers wants to move on to property 206 Horseshoe Drive NW, Pennock, MN.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

There was nothing.

Being no further business Council member Arends made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Council member Skaggs seconds the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Official minutes will be approved at the next Council meeting.

Dawn Johnson
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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