

Pennock City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Pennock City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pennock Community Center. The following members were present Mayor Kevin Crowley, Council members Jeff Arends, Bruce Bastin, Mackenzie Laughlin and Laurie Maresch. Also present was Donavan Peters, Mike Jacobson, Dan Ahlquist, residents Jami Hamstad, Angela Ball, Mariah Donner

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 September 3, 2019 Council minutes and to pay all the October bills; Council member Laughlin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Deputy Levi Brown was present for the sheriff's report. For the month of September there were 41.75 hours.

Motion by Council member Laughlin to close the Council meeting to hold a Public Hearing; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Public Hearing

At 7:03 p.m. a Public Hearing was held for Jeff Ahlquist requesting a variance to add a 28' x 40' addition on to his existing shop.

Motion by Council member Arends to allow the variance request; Council member Bastin second the motion. The motion passed.

Motion by Council member Arends to close the Public Hearing; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Crowley re-opened the Council meeting.

CITIZENS FORUM

Jami Hamstad – Was requesting the use of the Community Center for the Girl Scouts one Sunday a month. Motion by Council member Maresch to allow the Girl Scouts the use of the Community Center one Sunday a month; Council member Laughlin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Lift at the Community Center – Mayor Crowley mentioned that we have received a quote from Arrow Lift on replacing the lift and said that Premier Lift Products, Inc. is coming on Thursday to look at and get the City a quote. This was tabled until the November meeting.

House at 409 Atlantic Avenue NE – Council member Arends did check if we were able to burn the house. It is possible, but it does need to be inspected for asbestos which would cost \$500 - \$1500 and another concern is, if water needs to be used how it will affect the surrounding neighbors. Motion by Council member Bastin that the City will purchase the lot subject to have Council member Arends having the inspection for asbestos, and the City contacting the neighbors about burning the house. The motion passed.

Natural Gas Update – Council member Bastin has been working with Center Point Energy and Council member Thorson from Kerkhoven. On September 3rd representatives from Center Point Energy, Council members from the City of Kerkhoven and Council members from the City of Pennock met with Center Point Energy. According to Center Point Energy the natural gas main that was installed is too small to provide service to the North side of Pennock and Kerkhoven. Due to the demand, Center Point Energy may be installing a larger line in the near future.

Fire Department Doors – Project is complete. Joel Johnson was present with his bill. Motion by Council member Maresch to pay the bill; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Sweeping – Motion by Council member Laughlin to have street sweeping done trying to hold off until October 20th; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Propane Contract – Dooley's Petroleum was \$1.08 per gallon and Central Counties was \$1.22 gallon. Motion by Council member Bastin to accept Dooley's Petroleum contract at \$1.08 per gallon; Council member Laughlin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Certified Unpaid Utilities – Motion by Council member Maresch to certify unpaid utility bills that are more than 90 days past due to property taxes; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Watch for children signs – It was requested if the City could put up a "Watch for Children" sign by 222 5th Street NW. Clerk Johnson will look into purchasing a sign "Slow Down Deaf Child".

Snowplowing help/back-up – There was discussion as to if maintenance employee Peters needs help or a back-up with snowplowing. Will advertise looking for snowplowing back-up/help with a requirement needing a CDL license.

Tar/Gravel mixture – Mayor Crowley mentioned that there is some tar/gravel mixture at the brush site. Mayor Crowley mentioned that Todd Engler was interested in approximately 10 loads.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was nothing.

Due to elections on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Official minutes will be approved at the Wednesday, November 6, 2019 Council meeting.

Being no further business Council member Maresch made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Council member Laughlin seconds the motion. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.