

Pennock City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Pennock City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 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 were Donovan Peters, residents Darwin and Jenni Thorpe and Connie Schmoll with Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar Economic Development Commission.

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 Maresch seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Motion by Council member Bastin to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the August 4, 2020 Council minutes and to pay all the September bills; Council member Maresch seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Motion by Council member Bastin to rescind contributing \$25,000 of the CARES Act Dollars to Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar Economic Development Commission; Council member Maresch seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Deputy Levi Brown was not present for the sheriff's report. No report was provided.

CITIZENS FORUM

Darwin and Jennie Thorpe – Inquired on the status of the house at 409 Atlantic Avenue NE. It was said that the City is still working with the County on this.

OLD BUSINESS

Spooky Dungeon – Motion by Council member Laughlin to allow the Spooky Dungeon unless COVID-19 has a large outbreak; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Community Center Rentals – Motion by Council member Maresch not to allow rentals due to the COVID-19 for the remaining year of 2020; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Dirk's Fourth Addition Lots – Mayor Crowley mentioned that Council member Bastin and himself met with Jill Bengtson from the HRA. Mayor Crowley proposed Lots #9, #10 and #11 for duplexes that the HRA is looking at possibly building. It was said that the covenants would need to be changed to build duplexes. No decisions were made.

CARES Act Dollars – Connie Schmoll with Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar Economic Development Commission was present to discuss some options for the CARES Act Dollars. It was discussed as to some of the items the City has already used the funds for and some of the items the City may use the funds for. There were quotes presented for an HVAC system at the Community Center.

Freetly Electric Inc.	\$14,925.00
Chappell Central Inc.	\$14,937.00
Magnuson Sheet Metal	\$ 6225.00

Motion by Council Bastin to proceed with items discussed and to go with Freetly Electric Inc. for the HVAC system; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sidewalk North of the Bank – There was discussion and no decisions made.

Sump Pump Hoses and Extension cords across the sidewalk along Atlantic Avenue NW. – There was discussion as to this being a hazard. The City will either put a notice out or send letters to the residents.

2021 Budget - The 2021 preliminary budget was presented. The Proposed Levy will remain the same being \$155,433.00. The Truth in Taxation hearing and the Final Levy will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pennock Community Center and at that time the budget can be decreased but not increased. Council member Arends made a motion to accept the preliminary budget as presented, Council member Laughlin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Brush Site Road – Mayor Crowley said that he is working on it.

Planting Trees – There was discussion as to the best trees to plant with all the diseases. Council member Bastin will talk with Stacy’s Nursery to get ideas.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Laughlin turned in her resignation from the Pennock City Council as of October 1, 2020.

Being no further business Council member Maresch 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, October 6, 2020 Council meeting.

Dawn Johnson
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer