

**CITY OF GREENFIELD
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Greenfield, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 7738 Commerce Circle.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. over a telephonic conference call.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members present: Mayor Johnson, Council Members Mark Workcuff, Steve Jeska, Kyal Klawitter, Mike Erickson

Staff present: City Administrator-Clerk Margaret Webb, City Planner Brad Scheib

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Klawitter, seconded by Workcuff to add 8.A., continued discussion on broadband to the agenda. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comment. **During the COVID-19 declared emergency, all posted meetings will be held by telephonic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021. Should you have public comment please email mwebb@ci.greenfield.mn.us by noon on the scheduled meeting date and your comments will be read at the meeting*

None.

Response to public comment: Mayor noted the city is working on solutions of broadband but there is not enough density to make it economically feasible for a company to provide city wide.

6. Consent Agenda *Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by a single roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council Member or citizen so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence.*

A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$38,237.47

Check #29287-29304 (voided ck#29308)

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| General Fund | \$ 22,613.85 |
| 2012AG.O. CIP Bonds | \$ 1,068.75 |
| Industrial Park Water | \$ 4,337.77 |
| Lake Sarah Sewer | \$ 1,014.20 |
| Industrial Park Sewer | \$ 7,325.40 |
| Developer Escrows | \$ 1,877.50 |

B. Approve minutes of the April 7, 2020 City Council Meeting

MOTION by Workcuff, seconded by Erickson to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Public Hearings – None

8. Discussion/Action Items

A. Broadband Internet. Discussion continued from workshop. Planner Scheib, continued with the workshop discussion. Was in contact with the school district IT and found that they are knee deep in trying to deal with Greenfield area students to provide mobile hot spots to underserved for distance learning. Has been looking at research through the Dept of Economic Development maps showing unserved which less than 25 mbps internet speed of wire technology.

Underserved is 25-100 mbps. State resources are available for these service areas. There are Number of providers throughout the city. School runs their fiber lines from the high school to the middle school across the river. People want the service without spending money on a feasibility study but it is important to know. Scheib suggest a survey on the website asking details of their internet and would you be willing to pay taxes to support it? Pushing the questions to any and all media outlets to collect data. This information would be great to have should we apply for grant dollars. Johnson supports looking into broadband. If we want to see the city develop not having broadband will make us less desirable. Frist step would be to put together a workplan to come up with goals and information and also contact other cities to see what they do. Workcuff mentioned that Monticello has their own and the city doesn't want to get into the business. Jeska supports a workplan and should start with a survey. Erickson doesn't know where the City would come up with money to support this. Klawitter supports online survey. It will provide data to add to discussions. Owe it to our residents to be responsive to this and see what options are. Supports applying for grants. Council asked staff to check into grant resources, see what other cites have done with a similar reality, provide base data.

9. Information/Miscellaneous

A. Comments/reports from Mayor. None.

B. Comments/reports from Councilors. Klawitter reported PSCWC is making good progress on 2020 workplan. Workcuff stated PSCWC wants to up the amount of projects they want to get done in the fourth generation plan. They want to get private land owners involved. They have a form to fill out if city has watershed or stormwater projects that they may apply for grant dollars.

C. Comments/reports from City Administrator/Staff. Webb commented still working with safe routes to school. The cities are in support of keeping our children safe and will continue to attend meetings. Scheib update council on the grant application. The draft application is complete and the manager has offered a preliminary review but they have extended the deadline indefinitely. He will keep council informed as details become available.

10. Adjourn

MOTION by Erickson, seconded by Klawitter to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0.



Mayor Brad Johnson

Attest: Margaret Webb, City Administrator-Clerk