

**GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MINUTES
May 5, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Greenfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in workshop session, on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 7738 Commerce Circle.

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

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

3. Broadband Discussion

City Planner stated that the City Staff has been approached by multiple internet service providers and residents who have been expressing interest in having faster and more reliable internet service, wired upload and download speed, fiber optic, dsl and coax cable in the city. Currently most of the city is underserved or unserved. Scheib suggested that residents take online survey to find out exactly what they have for current service. Purpose of the meeting is to direct staff for next steps and communication we can give the residents and vendors.

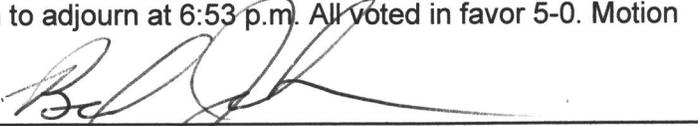
Options discussed; lease agreement on water tower, when streets are upgraded place conduit in ROW, study do we want to entire city to have coverage, and do we want to attract economic development?

Klawitter said there is no doubt it is an item that is needed. Good first step, would be get an accurate map of coverage or lack of coverage. Maybe get a west Hennepin cities internet discussion started. Workcuff said if density was here than the internet would be here already.

Erickson said it would be great to have internet to business and residents. We have been down this road before and density will be an issue for many years to come. He can't justify spending general fund monies for the infrastructure. Erickson suggested water tower rent would be free with a signed agreement and the city would get service for residents and businesses. Johnson suggested we look at neighboring cities. Jeska doesn't see the city paying for it or other residents paying for it. Agrees with Ericson to free rent on water tower and residents would get the service. Also, is in favor of a survey. Erickson said those that want or need internet may volunteer to be on a committee. City Planner Scheib stated the city needs a policy in place, draft agreement would cost attorney fees, survey residents would take time to get the survey questions together. Scheib said the school is a good resource also. Consensus was to come back to council with a draft policy and draft agreement. In the meantime, Council member Klawitter volunteered to help facilitate questions to put on a survey that residents could take online.

4. Adjourn

MOTION by Klawitter, seconded by Erickson to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. All voted in favor 5-0. Motion carried.



Mayor Brad Johnson



Attest: Margaret Webb, City Administrator-Clerk