

May 4, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING

The Westbrook City Council met on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

Members present: Mayor Dennis Phelps, Jan Johnson, Manda Jorgenson, Kelly Brown and Chadd Wahl.

Others present: Gayle Bondhus, Karla Ambrose, David Grev

Board of Review:

Market value before any valuation changes is \$26,530,300. We will have additional value on new construction of \$200,600 and state assessed properties which are electrical substations, gas pipelines or transmission lines of \$128,000 that will be added back in July.

Bondhus stated Westbrook had 9 house sales in the look back period. We look at the Market Value to Selling Price which determines a ratio for market value increases. Commercial property is looked at county wide with Sales between relatives and sales of church parsonages are thrown out of the equation set by Minnesota Revenue.

We will see a nice increase in tax revenue considering the new construction of the elevator.

Dean and Judy Knudson – Purchased property adjacent to their existing house. Asking a decrease in value to that property considering the house will be removed in 1 week. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Jorgenson to decrease the value by \$1,900.00. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Brown and seconded by Wahl to accept the assessments listed. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wahl and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the Board of Review meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting:

Motion by Brown and seconded by Jorgenson to approve the minutes from the April 6th, 2020 council meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Police Chief Hubin gave his monthly police report.

Conrad stated that the lift station project is moving forward with getting an engineer bid.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Jorgenson to approve the 2019 Audit from Abdo, Eick and Meyer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Wahl to approve the lifeguard wages for 2020. Regular lifeguard wages will be .50 increase per hour and WSI certified will be \$1.00 an hour. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion for building permits as follows: Joseph Schmidt Motion by Brown and seconded by Wahl, Judy Hessler Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Johnson, Randall Connick Motion by Johnson and seconded Wahl, Dan Joel Motioned by Wahl and seconded by Jorgenson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Brown to approve bills in the amount of \$78,360.75. Check #54023-54110. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wahl and seconded by Jorgenson to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
Jorgenson questioned what the plans were for Fun Days. Phelps suggested that the committees get together and decide what they will do. Steen will get a group together to discuss.

Katie Steen, City Clerk

Dennis Phelps, Mayor