

# Wrenshall City Council

## January 9, 2014, 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, John Tanner, Melvin Martindale, Mike Hyland, Alieca Johnson, Gary Butala, Guy Wait, Dolores Dennie, Jeff Kimmes and Ron Moen.

Gary Butala was sworn in as City Councilor for a two-year term.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Butala to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of 13 b) AT&T and 14 f) I & I. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Tanner to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#25786-#25797....\$4,277.01; Payroll-#25798-25811 (#25807 & 25808 Void)...\$4,274.25; January bills-#25812- #25834 & 01/09/13-1 thru -3.....\$51,165.46; and Electronic Transfers- DC12/13-1 & 2 and 12/13/13-1 thru 3...\$5,878.32. Motion carried.

The most recent invoice from MSA in the amount of \$105.00 was discussed. It was decided the bill should be held pending further discussion and clarification.

A Point of Order was made by Mayor Hyland for an addition to the agenda. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Butala to add 14 g) Appointment of New Planning Commission Member. Motion carried.

The Fire Chief provided a written report that indicated that there were a total of 70 runs in 2013, including 28 fire and 42 medical. Truck 653 has been repaired and the tanker will be taken to Esko for repair this month. The bingo fundraiser was well attended. The balance in the ATV fund will be updated at the next Fire Department business meeting. No action has been taken on the skating rink because of the extreme weather and snow layer. City maintenance staff will determine if installing the rink is still possible.

Water Operator: McCarthy Well has completed their annual inspection of the city wells and everything looks good. Guy and Harvey were able to repair a recent freeze-up in the water tower due to a blown fuse, and fluoride/chlorine systems are now working properly.

Clerk: Motion by Martindale; seconded by Hyland to sign the Liability Coverage Waiver indicating that the City does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Motion carried. A quote was received from CW Enterprise for snow plowing services in the event that City staff or equipment is not available. Another option would be renting equipment for the same purpose. Additional quotes and more information about potential liabilities involved in renting equipment and required liability coverages will be requested. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Hyland authorizing the City to be able to rent snow removal equipment on an emergency basis until a final decision is made. The Wrenshall fourth graders are again taking

part in Minnesota Rural Water's poster contest. Mayor Hyland, Councilor Martindale and Renae House will judge the posters, and the winning entry will be submitted for judging at the next level. Enbridge has contacted the City requesting a representative take part in a telephone safety conference on January 16. Duane Ziebarth has volunteered to take part in the conference if a member of the Fire Department is not available. A \$200 donation will be made into the ATV fund for participation.

The planning commission will meet on January 30, 2014, at 6:30 PM.

Correspondence was received from the Carlton Fire and Ambulance. Motion by Butala; seconded by Ziebarth not to pay the attached billing. The Council would be willing to listen to additional information about the billing if Carlton requests to be on a future agenda. A letter was also received from the MPCA about their findings pertaining to a storage tank release at Magellan. A follow up phone call will be made to clarify information contained in the report.

The City has received a final determination on its claim for uncovered flood damages. Unfortunately, the City will not be able to recover costs incurred repairing the storm sewer on east Goad.

A contract was received from AT&T. The negotiated terms were either changed or missing. The contract was sent to Frank Yetka for review and he will correspond with David Crowe on the City's behalf.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Butala to set pay increases for hourly employees at 3% as previously discussed, and to retroactively compensate the Assistant Clerk for the wage increase that should have been received in 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Hyland to set 2014 meeting dates as the first Thursday of each month in 2014. The first meeting of 2015 will be on the second Thursday (January 8, 2015). Motion carried.

City Appointments were reviewed and revised. A copy will be attached to these minutes and duly posted.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to approve Resolution 14-1, 2014 Fee Schedule. Motion carried. No increases were made to city fees.

A quote for engineering services was received from LHB. A quote is also expected from SEH. The matter was tabled until the next regular council meeting in February.

Motion by Hyland; seconded by Martindale to accept the resignation of Gary Butala from the planning commission. Motion carried with Butala abstaining. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Martindale to appoint Jeff Kimmes to the open seat. Motion carried.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Tanner to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Motion carried.

