

Wrenshall City Council

March 6, 2014, 6:30 PM Public Hearing/Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, John Tanner, Gary Butala, Melvin Martindale, Mike Hyland, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Guy Wait, Mike Strodtman-Minnesota Rural Water, Jennifer Smith-WipFLI, Jeff Kimmes, Ron Moen, and Dolores Dennie.

The public hearing opened and Mike Strodtman of Minnesota Rural Water presented specifics from Phase II of the new Wellhead Protection Plan. Implementation, management, grant programs, and council questions were addressed.

Motion by Butala; second by Tanner to adjourn the public hearing at 6:45 PM. Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting continued as follows:

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Tanner to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of Old Business: f) Safe Routes to School. Motion carried.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#25866-25875....\$9,724.90; Payroll-#25876-25892 ...\$4,855.59; March bills-#25893- #258916 & 03/06/14-1 thru -3.....\$14,373.21; and Electronic Transfers- DC02/14-1 thru -3 and 02/11/14-1 & 2...\$2,609.10. Motion carried.

Jennifer Smith from WipFLI provided an overview of the 2013 audit. The City is in sound financial position. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to approve the 2013 audit as presented. Ziebarth-Yes; Tanner-Yes; Butala-Yes; Martindale-Yes; Hyland-Yes.

Fire Chief: There were six runs in February; 3 fire and 3 medical. The ATV fund currently has a balance of \$7,179.62. A ladder to access the upper storage area in the fire hall and a fire-proof cabinet will need to be purchased and installed to comply with OSHA regulations.

Water Operator: Guy Wait recently attended the Minnesota Rural Water Conference in St. Cloud. An update was given on the frozen water lines along Goad. Attempts were made to thaw the lines without success. Temporary systems have been set up to supply water. One line has a 90 degree bend and would not be a candidate for professional thawing, but this option could be attempted at the other residence. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to authorize city staff to hire Lyle Huhta of Thaw-It if the temporary water system fails. It is understood that this service could cost \$350-\$400 or up to a couple thousand if equipment becomes stuck in the line. Motion carried. A broken sewer line along Goad appears to be within the owner's responsibility. The City has been in contact with the owner and the line will be repaired this spring.

Clerk: The Annual I & I Report was completed and submitted to WLSSD. It was noted that Midwest Electric has been purchased by Parsons Electric Corporation. Motion by Butala; seconded by Tanner to allow for the purchase of a used desk for the office for \$75.00. Motion carried.

Enbridge will be holding a public meeting on the Sandpiper Pipeline Project on Thursday, March 13, 2014, 6:00-9:00 pm at the Carlton County Transportation Building. Mike Hyland will be attending the meeting.

It has been determined that Wrenshall Street does exist as a recorded street on the "Main Street Addition" plat. This matter was referred back to the planning commission for further study.

Snow removal bids and insurance/bonding requirements were reviewed. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to approve rental of equipment from Guy Wait as follows: F350 dump truck-\$70/hour and/or skidstreeer \$60/hour. Equipment and owner will need to be added to city insurance prior to rental. Motion carried.

Frank Yetka is preparing the easements needed to move forward with the waterline project.

No new information has been received from AT&T.

Safe Routes to Schools planning meetings continue. Funding sources for implementation are being looked into.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Motion carried.