

# Wrenshall City Council

## June 5, 2014, 6:30 Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, John Tanner, Gary Butala, Melvin Martindale, Mike Hyland, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Guy Wait, James Thell, Dolores Dennie, Chad Pfau, Jeff Kimmes and Dane Johnson.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Butala to approve the Agenda as presented after moving item 13(d) to item 9 and adding review of the nuisance/garbage ordinance to 10(d). Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#25993 - 26008...\$5,218.12; Payroll-#26009 - 26023...\$5,646.72; June bills-#26024- #26035 & 06/05/14-1 thru -3.....\$7,763.08; and Electronic Transfers- DC05/14-1 thru -3 and 05/05/14-1 & 2...\$2,215.55. Motion carried. It should be noted that a billing from MSA for \$371 will be considered separately.

A special thank you was given to the Wrenshall School, Steve Stupak and Sue Tracy. Steve and his staff provided assistance with waxing the city hall floors, and Sue Tracy's class cleaned up the flower garden on the south end of town. Their help with these items was very much appreciated. A reminder was given to all city residents that grass clippings are not to be blown into the street as they collect and block storm drains.

Jim Thell asked for permission to launch fireworks from property located within the city limits. Mr. Thell is planning a rodeo for July 4-5, 2014, on his property to the west of Wrenshall. Motion by Hyland; seconded Butala to allow fireworks to be launched from within city limits on July 4 pending receipt of written approval from the property owner and proof of insurance. Motion carried.

Chad Pfau requested that the council reconsider the fee for a temporary liquor license previously set at \$300 due to it being excessively higher than other communities. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Ziebarth to change the fee for a two-day liquor license from \$300 to \$100. Motion carried.

Carlton Fire Chief Dane Johnson spoke about the Carlton Ambulance billing and addressed any additional concerns. A meeting with Paul Gassert and all those involved is expected to take place in September.

Fire Chief: The Fire Department will be helping out at the rodeo providing a first responder vehicle and fire truck for the entire event. There were four medical runs during May--no fire. The Department has received a quote of \$11,099 on a new ATV and has raised \$8,000 toward purchase. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Tanner for the City to provide the additional funds needed to purchase the ATV and to request donations from the other entities involved. Motion

carried. Thank you was given to Gary Butala for his assistance in securing the donation of a flammable materials cabinet for the Fire Hall from his employer.

Water Operator: One quote for water tower cleaning has been received from Water Tower Clean & Coat in the amount of \$2,600. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Butala to accept this quote and to arrange for cleaning this summer. Motion carried. Damage to manholes on Wrenshall Street, repair options, and the waterline extension project were discussed. Motion by Butala; seconded by Tanner to add the installation of a 6" gate valve at Goad as part of the waterline extension project at a cost of approximately \$700. Motion carried.

Clerk: The air conditioner and upgrade to the phone system are complete. Ehlers has finished their assessment of our water rate increase schedule and no increase will be needed for the next few years. The City should have rates evaluated every two or three years to make sure the water fund remains in sound condition. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the purchase of sand and replacement equipment for the playground as needed. Motion carried. Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to approve Nancy Shanda and Caroline Johnson as election judges for the upcoming primary and general elections. Motion carried.

The next Planning Commission meeting will take place, Thursday, July 17, 2014, 6:30 PM. They were asked to take a look at the City's nuisance ordinances to clarify terms, set procedures and provide for adequate fines.

Easements for the water line extension project are being obtained and a pre-construction meeting has been set for June 10, 2014, 7:00 PM. Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to extend the contact start date as needed due to weather and other concerns. Motion carried.

ATT: The City has returned an executed copy of the new fee agreement to ATT for their signature. Frank Yetka has reviewed the document received from ATT now requesting rental of additional space. He has been in contact with Paul Battaglia, and will continue to negotiate.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to send a letter supporting Wrenshall School's grant application to Minnesota Power for monies to assist with safe routes to schools implementation. Motion carried.

Dave Lindberg, owner of the Pioneer Mobile Home Park, has been contacted about I & I issues. The City has received authorization to video sewer lines in the park.

The safety deposit box at Frandsen Bank is currently set up to allow access by Mike Hyland and Harold Ruhnke. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Butala to update this information removing former clerk Harold Ruhnke, and adding Alieca Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer and Renae House, Assistant Clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyland; seconded by Butala to extend approval of the plat for Erickson Acres, Third Addition. Motion carried.

A new billing has been received from MSA for “waterline deliverables” in the amount of \$371.00. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Butala to deny payment of the invoice as a double billing for services received. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Tanner to accept and execute a proclamation in support of setting November 2014 as National Hospice Palliative Care Month. Motion carried.

A proposed Carlton County Ordinance governing large gatherings (300 +) and providing for a permit process and \$500 fee was reviewed and discussed. The permit would apply to events on properties outside of city limits. Area residents are encouraged to watch for public meetings to voice any concerns.

A gate will be re-installed in the industrial park just past Parsons Electric to limit access to the city brush pile. The gate will remain locked and keys available from council persons or the city office.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Motion carried.