

Wrenshall City Council

December 4, 2014, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, John Tanner, Gary Butala, Melvin Martindale, Mike Hyland, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Cynthia Hagelin, Brad Scott, Delores Dennie, Jeff Kimmes, Harvey Korby and Randy Wolf.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Tanner seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#26223-#26230....\$7,017.21; Payroll-#26321 - #26245....\$5,068.00; December bills-#26246- #26255 & 12/04/14-1 thru -3.....\$7,072.34; and Electronic Transfers-DC11/14-1 & -2; 11/13/14-1 & -2.....\$2,174.62. Motion carried.

LHB: Brad Scott provided information on permanent speed humps which could cost \$10,000 to \$12,000. The removable speed humps used this past fall would still be an option and could be more effective if properly installed and spaced. Motion by Butala; seconded Tanner to table this matter for further consideration. Motion carried.

A Certificate of Appreciation and special thank you were given to Mike Hyland for his many years of dedication and service as both Mayor and Councilor for the City of Wrenshall.

Cynthia Hagelin, Executive Director, Friends of Animals, gave an overview of services provided to the City in 2014. The proposed 2015 contract would require a \$500/year fee covering the first three animals and additional fees per animal after that. FOA would like to do away with the pre-authorization requirement and propose sending monthly itemized statements for the City to review. The City could authorize payment based on that information and pay only for those animals actually brought in from within city limits. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to table this matter pending receipt of a revised contract. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: There were 6 fire calls in November. The Annual Firemen's Bingo will take place this Saturday. Fundraising continues for accessories needed for the UTV. The SCBA grant has been denied but will be applied for again next year. Split Rock has taken over as the new investment company and everything is going well. Mike Hyland was thanked for his support of the fire department during his term as mayor. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Butala to increase retirement contributions from \$550 to \$600/year of service beginning January 2015. Motion carried.

Water Operator: The Parkwood lift station has been cleaned and inspected and is working well.

Clerk: An itemized list of changes to the Minnesota Basic Code has been reviewed. Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to approve the purchase of the MBC update for \$285. Motion carried. Materials for the 2015 MRWA 4th Grade Poster Contest have been taken to the school. Melvin Martindale, John Tanner and Renae House will judge the entries the last week of January 2015. Fond du Lac's application for Class 1 Air Quality Designation should be followed closely. Information on municipal clerk's training taking place May 4 – 8, 2015, has been received. Scholarships are available and will be applied for to help defray the cost of this training.

Planning Commission meeting dates for 2015 have been revised and will now be 1/22; 4/23; 7/23 and 10/22.

The 2015 budget was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Tanner to approve the 2015 budget with no increase in the levy keeping the total levy at \$113,808. Ziebarth-YES; Tanner-YES; Butala-YES; Martindale-YES; Hyland-YES. Motion carried.

Information has been received from Attorney Tyson Smith about finalizing the vacation of Wrenshall Street. A number of steps including publishing public notice, obtaining a signed deed from the property owner, and recording a Notice of Completion of the vacation will be taken care of and everything completed at the January meeting.

Safe Routes to Schools: Unfortunately, monies from Minnesota Power for the Safe Routes to Schools have been exhausted. Sending a letter to ARDC voicing concern over lost opportunities due to missed deadlines was considered. Ellen Pillsbury will continue to seek funding on our behalf.

Gary Butala attended a meeting at Carlton County regarding the proposed ½ cent sales tax and increased vehicle registration fees to fund county road projects. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Martindale to send a letter to the Board of Commissioners stating Wrenshall's objection to the increased tax. Motion carried.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Tanner; to approve Resolution 14-09 allowing Wood City Riders to operate pull tab sales at Brick's Pub & Grub. Ten percent (10%) of net proceeds will be paid to the City. Ziebarth-YES; Tanner-YES; Butala-YES; Martindale-Abstain; Hyland-NO. Motion carried.

Two complaints of residents pushing snow from their private driveways into city streets in violation of city ordinances and a complaint of icy conditions on side streets were received.

Motion by Hyland; seconded by Tanner to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.