

Wrenshall City Council

November 6, 2014, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, John Tanner, Gary Butala, Melvin Martindale, Mike Hyland, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Ron Moen, Luann Freiermuth, Jeff Kimmes, Dolores Dennie, Deb Salo, Jeremy Loucks, Chad Pfau, Ross Swanstrom and guest.

Additions to the agenda were added by Mayor Hyland; under Planning Commission he added Comprehensive Plan and Nuisance ordinance. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A separate Treasurers report was given by Alieca Johnson on the investment that could be made for the city. A motion was made by Tanner; seconded by Martindale; to approve the purchase of a \$250,000 CD with NWCU at 3% interest for 13 months with all interest earnings to be deposited in the general fund. Motion Carried Alieca also spoke about the bond refinancing and temporary investments of bond proceeds that Ehlers is working with us on. A motion was made by Butala; seconded by Tanner; for Alieca to go ahead with the purchase of two (2) CD's at \$249,000 at TD Ameritrade to hold proceeds until February 2015 as recommended by Ehlers. Motion Carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#26175 - #26184 & #26186 - #26188....\$16,270.38; Payroll-#26189 - #26206 & #26185....\$4,592.72; November bills-#26207- #26222\$9,781.31; and Electronic Transfers- 10/10/14-1 thru 3 & DC10/14-1 > -3; & EFR14-07....\$2,853.00. Motion carried.

Engineering - Brad Scott was not present but had sent information to the council on speed humps. A motion was made by Butala; seconded by Martindale to table the discussion on speed humps/bumps until Brad Scott can be present to discuss it with council. Hyland voted opposed; motion carried.

Presentations – Ross Swanstrom was present introduced himself as the new owner at 129 Broadway, which is the old “Boneyard”. He is going to be doing a lot of work on the building but hopes to open after the first of the year. The new name is going to be “Bricks Pub & Grub” and asked for approval to get a liquor license. Motion was made by Butala; seconded by Hyland to approve Ross Swanstrom for a liquor license at Bricks Pub & Grub. Roll Call Vote; Ziebarth-YES, Tanner-YES, Butala-YES, Martindale-NO, Hyland-YES. Motion Carried

Fire Chief: 9 calls this month, 2 fire & 7 medical runs. Fireman's Bingo is set for December 6th. The addition to the side of the fire hall was decided against and instead they sealed the door up that was on the side. The shed has been tabled for now. The big garage doors are in need of work...they need to be adjusted and the seals are bad. They are losing a lot of heat out of them.

A motion was made by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the estimate from Petersen's Door Service for the amount of \$1022.23 and go ahead with the work to be done. Motion Carried. Paul Vernon has sold out the investment part of his business. They want to get more information on this. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Martindale to table the Fire Relief Association until December. Motion Carried.

Water Operator: The fire department garage door, old pump and several other items were sold on Lots4bid receiving a total of \$105.15. The city rented Ted Erickson's backhoe and was able to fix the water shut-off's and manholes that needed some work. Thank You to Ted! Guy had one (1) complaint of rotten egg smell in their water. He looked into it and hasn't heard anymore. Council again talked about the old water tower. Guy should leave the name of the person with Alieca of who is interested and we should contact them. Motion was made by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to sell or make arrangements to remove the old water tower with appropriate bonding at the price of \$1.00 or whatever we can get. An addition to the motion; capping of the water main and lines will also need to be done. Motion carried. Another idea brought forward by Guy, maybe put it on the Federal Surplus site. Council would like to see proof by the January meeting that the tower is listed and advertised with someone.

Clerk: Minnesota Basic Code Book has new updates to it and several, wondering if we should go ahead and get the updates. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Martindale to table this until more information can be gathered. Motion carried. Billing was received from Carlton Ambulance on the exact amount we owe in 2015. Total came to \$4361.68. Informed council of sewer lining information we had learned about and maybe they would look at putting bids out in January for this work.

Planning Commission: 2015 meeting dates have been set for January 15, April 16, July 16, and October 15. Would like to send Mr. Proulx a letter to invite him to their next meeting to discuss Pleasant View. Motion by Butala; seconded by Ziebarth to approve them sending the letter of invitation. Motion Carried. Mayor Hyland would like the planning commission to look at the noise ordinances more in detail and especially at the agricultural zoning area. How can they enforce – letters, notices, fines?? Maybe they could talk with Dick Tracy about decibels of the noise and how it is determined. Much discussion took place on signs, noise and nuisances. Motion was made by Hyland; seconded by Butala to post for the opening on the Planning Commission which will come open in January to replace Jeff Kimmes who will be moving into a council position. Motion Carried.

Old Business –

In order to finish up with the Wrenshall Street vacation we need to have a notice of completion filed. Motion was made by Hyland; seconded by Tanner to allow the attorney to draft the notice of completion to be filed. Motion Carried. Discussion then took place whether a cartway or a

new street would be best for the completion of this street. Motion was made by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to accept the cartway at this time. Motion Carried.

Pioneer Mobile Home Park/I & I: The office had a call from Andy, one of Dave Lindbergs workers, to inform us that work has been completed on the sewers in the park.

Water Map – discussion took place about having a new water map for locating water shut-off's added into the budget. Motion was made by Butala; seconded by Martindale to not add a new water map to the budget for 2015. Motion carried.

Carlton Ambulance: Martindale stated that he had this added on to the agenda because after he had more time to think about it he had decided against going with this. Motion was made by Martindale to rescind his motion to pay approximately 4400.00 as billed by Carlton Ambulance Service. No Second; Motion Failed. Discussion was that we had made a decision at the October meeting and that we have a good working relationship with Carlton, why jeopardize anything.

Speed bumps: Tabled

Safe Routes to School: They are waiting to hear back on the grant from MN Power.

New Business –

Tax Certifications: Motion was made by Ziebarth; seconded by Butala to approve the list of delinquent accounts to be certified to taxes are 10 accounts in the total amount of \$4,976.53 at this date. Final adjusted amount to be sent December 15. Motion carried.

FOA: Discussion took place on the new contract that FOA has sent to us. Council is not happy with the new language and pricing. Motion was made by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to table this proposal until next meeting and would like to see if a representative could attend. Council asked if we could check with animal allies also.

Canvass Elections: Motion by Tanner; seconded by Ziebarth by resolution to accept and certify the results of the November 4th, 2014 elections. Ziebarth-YES, Tanner-Yes, Butala-YES, Martindale-YES, Hyland-YES Motion carried. See the attached Resolution; Mayor votes: Butala 93; Hyland 86; write-in 4. Council Member votes: Kimmes 117; Ziebarth 131; write-in 8.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion carried.