

Wrenshall City Council

January 8, 2015, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, John Tanner, Gary Butala, Melvin Martindale, Mike Hyland, Alieca Johnson Jeff Kimmes, Randy Wolf, Guy Wait, and Tyson Smith.

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

Motion by Martindale seconded by Butala to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#26256-#26269....\$5,177.75; Payroll-#26270 - #26280....\$4,204.19; January bills-#26281- #26296 & 01/08/15-1 thru -3.....\$6,367.70; and Electronic Transfers- DC12/14-1 through -3; 12/10/14-1 through -3 and ETFR14-08....\$6,215.88. Motion carried.

New members were called forward and Mayor Gary Butala and Councilors Duane Ziebarth and Jeffrey Kimmes were sworn into office.

Thank you was once again given to Mike Hyland for his dedicated service to the City. Thank you and best wishes were extended to Chad Pfau on the closing of the One Stop Market. Chad has put a lot of time into Brickyard Days and promoting the City and his efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Attorney Tyson Smith gave an overview of items needed to finalize the Wrenshall Street vacation. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to accept Resolution 15-02 and the Notice of Completion of Vacation Proceedings as presented and to have those documents including the Quit Claim Deed for the new road location recorded with the Carlton County Recorder's Office. Ziebarth-YES; Tanner-YES; Butala-YES; Martindale-YES; Kimmes-YES.

Fire Chief: There were 8 calls in December; 3 fire and 5 medical. Fundraising continues for accessories needed for the UTV. The garage doors have been repaired and are now in good condition. A charge account has been opened at the Carlton Travel Center to allow for the purchase of gas and supplies. The Department will start replacing leather-soled boots with rubber-soled alternatives to reduce risk of slip/fall hazards.

Water Operator: McCarthy Well will be here next week to complete the annual inspection of city wells. Potential for frozen water lines was discussed. It was recommended that notice be given to residents in problem areas to watch water temperature; especially at the two homes that had frozen water lines last winter. A deep socket and tap/die set were purchased from Arden Hills-Federal Surplus for under \$40. They also have reasonably priced generators that may be purchased/installed with grant funds available from MRWA as part of our wellhead protection plan. Motion by Tanner; seconded by Kimmes to allow office staff to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Conference, in St. Cloud, March 3, 4 and 5, 2015, if possible. Motion carried.

Clerk: Items completed in 2014 toward OSHA compliance and action items for 2015 were reviewed. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to request bids to install a railing on the upper storage area in the fire hall as required and noted in our OSHA work plan. Motion carried. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale for the City NOT to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability thereby protecting the city in the event of a claim. Motion carried.

Planning Commission will meet on January 22, 2015.

A new contract received from Friends of Animals has been reviewed. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to table discussion until additional information can be received. Motion carried.

A letter has been received from Andy Hubley from ARDC in response to our concern over missed deadlines, etc. They have now pledged \$1,000 in matching funds for digital speed signs and indicated that they will continue to pursue grant monies on our behalf.

City appointments and the contact numbers list were updated and approved. Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Martindale to approve the 2015 Fee Resolution 15-01 with the intent to review new home construction fees. The 2015 meeting calendar was presented and approved. Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month except for in the months of April, July, September and October when meetings will be on the second Thursday.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Kimmes to approve the contract with WIPFlI for the 2014 audit with costs not to exceed \$7,800. Motion carried.

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Tanner to update bank signers at Frandsen, NWCUC, and MCCU to remove Mike Hyland and add mayor elect Gary Butala. Acting Mayor Duane Ziebarth and office staff Alieca Johnson and Renae House shall remain on the accounts. Access to the Safety Deposit Box at Frandsen Bank will also be updated removing the former mayor. Motion carried.

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