

Wrenshall City Council

March 5, 2015, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, John Tanner, Jeff Kimmes, Melvin Martindale, Gary Butala, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Jennifer Smith, Mike Gravelle, and Dolores Dennie.

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

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Tanner to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#26339-#26349....\$7,216.86; Payroll-#26350 - #26360....\$3,791.07; March bills-#26361- #26377 & 03/05/15-1 thru -3.....\$26,110.21; and Electronic Transfers- DC02/15-1 through -3; 02/11/15-1 through -3\$2,378.11. Motion carried.

Representative Jennifer Smith from WIPFLI was available and went through the recent audit that was completed for the city. She informed and went over a few items more in depth with the council like the revenues, expenses in the general fund, water fund, and sewer fund. She reported that the audit went smoothly and that the audit is an issuing of an opinion.

Fire Chief: Randy was not present but had the following report submitted. There were 8 calls in February; 3 fire and 5 medical. All replacement boots have ordered and received. Work on the overhead storage railing begins Monday.

Water Operator: Guy was not present, but had reported that the chlorine pump in the well house needed to be fixed. He was not able to fix it so he called Hawkins and they fixed it when they were there dropping off chemicals.

Clerk: Informed the council that the grant application has been submitted to the state for the MN Rural Water/ WHP items that we need to work on. We won't hear until after April 9th if we receive it. Board of Equalization will meet at the County Assessor's office in the court house on April 13. We have a membership with surplus property for the state and we have been watching for some chairs on the site. Renae may be going to the cities and will try to stop and look at them. Motion was made by Martindale; seconded by Butala; giving Renae authorization to spend up to \$250.00 for the chairs if she is able to find them. MC The completed I&I report was also available for anyone to look at.

Planning Commission: Discussion about the Developers Agreement for building sites in Pleasant View Estates was discussed. They would like to meet with the owner and try to work with him on bringing people in to build on these sites. Alieca had a proposed letter available that everyone thought sounded good inviting the Owner to the next planning commission meeting. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale; to have Alieca send the letter out. MC Discussion on the tall grass also took place. Next meeting is on April 23, 2015.

Safe Routes to School: Melvin reported that he hopes to be hearing back by the first part of April on the grant.

Snow Plowing: Discussion was brought forth about the possibility of the city plow to go down the city streets when there has been a significant amount of snow to have a path open until the county plows can get to us. Council decided they needed to have discussion with the maintenance worker first. The maintenance workers have met with someone that would be able to build snow bucket and they are waiting on the quote. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth; to approve the snow bucket up to a price of \$1000.00 MC

Fence on utility easement: Questions have come forward in regard to a fence that is located on a utility easement. There had been a temporary easement granted several years ago. It is in question whether that is really blocking a through way. Motion was made by Martindale; seconded by Tanner; to table this discussion until more information can be gathered and a letter be sent to the resident about the fence and that it is in question and be looked at.

Ambulance Bill: copies of the ambulance billing for 2015 and the projected billing for 2016 were looked at and discussed. They would like to talk with Carlton about the increase to Wrenshall when others have a decrease. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Tanner; to table this discussion until this fall when they are putting the budget together and invite them back again at this time. MC

Water Line Break – There was a water break that took place over on Woodhaven on Wednesday, March 4. The city needed to call Carlton in for some help due to Guy being gone out of town and then we had to call Dave Grover in order to begin a dig to find out where the break was at. There was discussion on where the break was located and if it is homeowners responsibility for repair costs. Motion was made by Tanner; seconded by Melvin; to split the cost of the water line repair bill when it comes in. MC Thanks to Derek Wolf for all his help! It was also discussed that where the water line is located there is a lot of wires from other utilities and tree roots by the sewer lines. Also brought up to the council is that Carlton is going to be hiring someone this spring to test the water lines for any leaks there may be and we should think about going in with them on hiring this to be done.

Sewer Line – Mike Gravelle was in attendance to ask about his sewer lines and if anyone knows where they are located. They have been frozen and he has someone coming in to dig it up and fix them. Since they were put in so many years ago Dolores had found out more information for him because his lines are located outside of city property. The city would like to also know where the lines are located and if we could possibly televise the lines when they are being fixed. Mike had asked the city if they would be able to help with any televising of the sewer lines if it aided the city. Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale; to table the issue as to how we can help the homeowner until we get more information. MC

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Kimmes to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion carried.