

# Wrenshall City Council

## April 9, 2015, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, Gary Butala, Jeff Kimmes, John Tanner, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Dolores Dennie, Guy Wait, Harvey Korby, Stephanie Merrill, and Randy Wolf.

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

Motion by Kimmes seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#26378 - #26390....\$14,709.14; Payroll-#26391-#26401....\$4,349.49; April bills-#26402-26414 & 04/09/15-1 thru -3.....\$6,952.12; and Electronic Transfers- DC03/15-1; 03/09/15-1 through -3 and WDL15-01....\$5,923.01. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: There were 12 calls in March; 8 fire and 4 medical. A new thermo-imaging camera has been purchased for \$4,218.72. The department is once again looking at the possibility of building a shed for extra storage. Wildfire training will take place in May. A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will take place at Northland Funeral Home on June 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. It was suggested that the chief contact Thrivent for a donation to help with this event.

Water Operator: Repair of the broken line at the well house will be scheduled as soon as frost is out. Procedures for handling water/sewer line problems and other emergencies were discussed with city staff and a posting of procedures is being developed. It is Guy's recommendation that the City look for an electric impact wrench and portable inverter or generator. Harvey will get some prices for review at the May meeting.

Clerk: A list of equipment and labor rates has been received from the City of Carlton. They will now be charging for services provided. The chairs that we were looking at Federal Surplus were sold, but they will notify us if others become available.

Planning Commission will meet on April 23, 2015. Don Proulx, the owner of Pleasant View Estates, has confirmed that he will be attending the meeting to discuss the restrictions set forth in the Developer's Agreement.

Bids were received and accepted last fall for sealing of the tennis court, hall parking lot and ditch repair on upper Goad. Unfortunately, due to weather no work was complete. Kiminski will be contacted to seal the hall parking lot if he will honor his previous bid of \$2,840. City maintenance staff will repair the tennis court. Ditch problems on upper Goad will be reviewed with our city engineer before DeCaigny is contacted to make the repair.

Snowplowing city streets was discussed with maintenance staff. The best way to address concerns is still being considered.

The fence temporarily allowed on the utility easement between Mason and Goad was discussed. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to table this matter until the council has had a chance to get additional information from Brad Scott and Frank Yetka. The planning commission will also review any information received at its April meeting.

Water Line Break: According to our ordinances the homeowner should have been given the opportunity to repair the break themselves and/or given authorization in writing to the City to proceed with repair. Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to rescind the motion made in March allowing payment of one-half of repairs and to directing the City to pay the entire cost provided the resident takes full responsibility for landscaping and reseeding the area. Motion carried.

Temporary speed bumps/speed control-Goad Drive: Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to remove the two stop signs from the T-intersection on Goad at Erickson and increase the speed limit from advisory at 15 MPH to enforceable at 25 MPH. Motion carried. Motion by Tanner; seconded by Kimmes to return speed bumps to Cohasset at the earliest opportunity. Ziebarth-NO; Kimmes-YES; Butala-ABSTAIN; Tanner-YES; Martindale-NO. Motion failed. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to see if problems continue before making a final decision on the speed bumps. Motion carried.

The sewer line at 898 County Road 18 was repaired by the property owner. Because the frozen section was within the resident's line no televising was completed. The City's responsibility for lines past the manhole on County Road 18 will need to be confirmed with Frank Yetka.

Safe Routes to Schools: The Minnesota Power Grant has been denied; however, the City had budgeted funds for digital signs and the ARDC has pledged \$1000. Options for purchase without grant funds will be reviewed in May.

Pioneer Sewer Lining: Brad Scott will be contacted to help the City move forward with obtaining bids.

Maintenance staff completed a review of all city streets and a report was given to Council. Kimiski Paving will be asked to give an opinion to help prioritize maintenance items.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM. Motion carried.