

# Wrenshall City Council

## May 7, 2015, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, Gary Butala, Jeff Kimmes, John Tanner, Melvin Martindale, Renae House, Dolores Dennie, Harvey Korby, Randy Wolf, Charles Beck, Dean Bader, Dan Saletel, Kevin House, Linda Hart, Deb Salo, and Michelle Blanchard.

Additions to the agenda were made, under clerk; Brickyard Days and 3 complaints, Old Business; f) speed bumps. Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale 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-#26415 - #26423....\$4830.24; Payroll-#26424-#26439....\$4,655.50; April bills-#26440-26443 & 05/07/15-1 thru -3.....\$3,531.00; and Electronic Transfers- 04/13/15-1&2; DC04/15-1&2; and ETFR 15-02 = \$2,473.00. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: 4 calls this month; 2 Medical, 2 Fire. Randy has been meeting with the school administration on an evacuation process should there ever be a need for this. Randy and Mrs Belcastro will be walking around the facilities next week and then on Monday, May 18 they will do the trial evacuation. The fire department is looking at changing their by-laws for drill requirements from 1 per month to 12 per year. This could boost morale with the volunteers and help with not losing their retirement if they can't make it one month. Randy is working on the cadette program for the fire department. Information he has gathered so far is that they cannot be younger than 16 years old, participate in at least 12 drills per year. It would be great to have the extra help when they get back from calls to help clean everything up. First responder calls would be limited to what they could go on. They have also found a shed in Scanlon that is built, it is on skids and free delivery for \$1745. The other quotes were from Menards for \$1818.24 and Morin's for \$3004.84. The building is for the glossy paper collections that the fire department has been doing. Motion was made by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to split the cost of \$1745. for the shed from Scanlon with the fire department. Motion Carried. Randy has also been looking at quotes for an ATV pump for the tank they received from the DNR that is on the back of the 4-wheeler.

Water Operator: Guy was not present, but Harvey reported that the water line break at the old tower had been fixed. He and Guy worked with Laveau excavating to repair it. The break was right where it threads into a 3' galvanized pipe. It has been replaced and is working fine. There is some work that needs to be done to the Chlorine pump.

Maintenance: Harvey reported the quotes he had gotten on a generator and an impact wrench. Generator quotes were for a Honda 2000 for \$899.95 from L&M, Northern Hydraulics was higher and Duncan could not order them. Impact wrench was \$179.99 for a Milwaukee tool from

L&M. Motion was made by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to have Harvey purchase the Honda 2000 generator along with the impact wrench from L&M. Motion Carried. Harvey also reported to the council that he had rode along with Adam Kiminski to look at the streets in Wrenshall, he was going to write up a report but we didn't have it at the time of the meeting. Basically what he said is that patching Pioneer wouldn't be worth it because the cracks are so wide that putting the rubber in them will just get pulled up by the plows. Kiminski did suggest that we should put together a road fund and look at doing so much each year and stay on a rotating schedule so that not everything is done in one year. Motion by Butala; seconded by Tanner to table the street patching. Motion Carried. The manhole at County Road 1 and Goad needs to be looked at. This is the county responsibility and people are swinging wide to avoid the hole and may cause an accident.

Clerk: The Clerk reported that we have been approved for the grant through MN Department of Health to do the work that is needed on the Wellhead Protection Program, but we cannot begin the work until we have spoken with the MDH engineer and been given the approval. That should happen this next week. The office is having problems with one of their printers and went ahead and got some quotes for a new printer/copier/scanner/fax machine. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to purchase a new copier/printer/scanner/fax from Intergrated Office Solutions. Motion Carried. There is a CTAS Training seminar that will be held at the Black Bear June 25 that would be good for Renae to attend for \$50. Motion was made by Ziebarth; seconded by Butala for Renae to attend the CTAS Training at the Black Bear for the cost of \$50.00. Motion Carried. There was 3 complaints filed; 2 on a dog running loose and 1 loud noise concern. A letter should be sent to the resident in regards to the loose dog. If it doesn't improve call the animal shelter. Ross Swanstrom is planning on doing Brickyard Days this year on August 1. Anyone interested in helping should contact him or stop in at Bricks and leave your name.

Planning Commission: All members were present at the last meeting and felt it was a very good meeting. Mr. Proulx was in attendance and the Developers Agreement for Pleasantview Estates was discussed in length. Since there has been no serious interest in any lots located there, Mr. Proulx does not want to make any changes to the covenants and restrictions at this time. The fence blocking the public right of way was discussed and it is the recommendation of the planning committee that the landowner take it down. They also had a concern brought to them that there is a possibility of infestation of vermin at a residence on Goad. They would like the city to check with public health or the attorney to see what steps should be taken. Ted Erickson was also present and asked the planning commission to request from the city an extension on the 3<sup>rd</sup> addition plat of Hidden Meadows. They had a date change for their next meeting, it will now be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Tanner to give Ted Erickson the extension on his third addition plat. Motion Carried. Council advised office staff to check with county health department or Mr. Yetka's office on the concern with the house on Goad and try to get a letter sent.

### Old Business:

Fence on Utility Easement: Council would like to get more clarification on the fence located on the easement/right of way before any decisions will be made since there are some contradictions. Motion was made by Butala; seconded by Ziebarth to table. Motion Carried.

Quotes on signs: Mel has checked with several cities on the speed signs and 1 city has had a difficult time with them not working. The portable speed sign was thought to be a good idea and we should check and see if the \$1000.00 from ARDC is legitate and still available. Discussion on the speed bumps then began. Several residents were in attendance to discuss the speed bumps on Goad and would like them put out again this year. They feel strongly that the speed bumps helped out last year and they saw people slow down. Motion was made by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to put the speed bumps down with a letter sent out to residents on Goad, Mason and Erickson.

Upper Goad Repair: Harvey, Duane, Gary and Guy met with Brad Scott the engineer for the city to discuss several items to be looked at within the city. One item is the washout that happens on upper part of Goad. The engineer suggests that the driveway needs to be excavated out and a 10" culvert put in. Motion was made by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to get bids from Grover, Laveau and DeCaigny using the specs from the engineer to fix upper Goad. Motion Carried.

Pioneer Sewer Lining: Sewer lining on Pioneer was also discussed with the engineer and is something that really needs to be done. If there was to be a break it would cost even more to get it repaired. With the recommendation from Guy, they gave Brad the go ahead to get a task order ready for the lining of Pioneer Dr.

Sewer Line outside city limits: There was a little more discussion on the sewer lines outside of the city since there had been some inquiry with the attorney on how to handle this. There was a motion made by Tanner; seconded by Kimmes to table this matter until Guy is back. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: A resident asked if it would be possible to get more treatments this summer on the gravel road up on Goad to keep the dust down. The dust was bad last year and only 1 treatment was done. Another item brought up is the tall grass on the empty lots in the city is 4 feet high. A motion was made by Butala; seconded by Martindale to send letters to property owners with empty lots, to cut the grass. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Kimmes to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Motion carried.