

# Wrenshall City Council

## October 8, 2015, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: DonnaMae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Brad Scott, Guy Wait, Randy Wolf, Pete Laveau, Harvey Korby, Stephanie Merrill, Dolores Dennie and Charles Beck.

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

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Butala to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#26608 - #26615....\$1,243.00; Payroll-#26616 - #26626....\$5,607.87; October bills-#26627- #26646 & 10/08/15-1 thru -3.....\$34,103.13; and Electronic Transfers-DC09/15-1 thru -3 and 09/14/15-1 thru -3.... \$6,049.08. Motion carried.

Engineering—Sewer Lining: The signed contract, performance bond and certificate of insurance have been received from Visu-Sewer. The contract will be reviewed by Frank Yetka and a Notice to Proceed forwarded if everything is in order.

Fire Chief: There were 10 calls in September; 6 medical/4 fire. The department will need to look at replacing the 1<sup>st</sup> responder vehicle and grass rig. The Grand Rapids Fire Center has newer model trucks coming in for auction that may be good options. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to allow the expenditure of up to \$9,000 for a replacement vehicle. Weiderman-YES; Kimmes-YES, Ziebarth-YES; Martindale-YES; Butala-YES. The City has also been in contact with Enbridge about the possibility of receiving a retired vehicle from their fleet. FEMA grant monies are being requested to cover the cost of new air packs for firefighters. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Kimmes for all fire officers to remain in their elected positions until the new hiring process can be finalized. Motion carried. Pete Laveau presented a request to change the Relief Association By-Laws. Motion by Butala; seconded by Weiderman to approved Article VI, Benefits, Section 1. Service Pensions, Clause (e) Eligibility Requirements, adding items (v) and (vi) requiring attendance at 12 training sessions, 6 first responder/fire calls, and at least one business meeting per calendar year. The proposed language will be sent to Frank Yetka for approval prior to adoption. Motion carried.

Water Operator: The missing water meter has not been located, and a claim has been filed with the Postal Service. Since it does not appear that the meter will be returned any time soon a replacement meter will be ordered as previously directed by council.

Clerk: Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Weiderman to hire the Wrenshall School building class to build awnings over the two fire doors and city hall door in spring 2016. Final quotes will

be reviewed prior to construction. Motion carried. Calcium chloride has been applied to gravel streets as requested.

Planning Commission: Regular meeting: October 22, 2015, 6:30 PM.

Nuisance Property: Frank Yetka has moved forward with filing a complaint on behalf of the city.

We are waiting for Carlton County to install the new speed signs. They are running behind, but hope to install them yet this fall.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Ziebarth to rename the part-time, on-call maintenance helper position as the “on-call maintenance helper”. The job descriptions for the part-time maintenance worker, part-time maintenance helper and on-call maintenance helper will be amended to read: Other Duties and Responsibilities: “Ability to do basic electrical work on a system not to exceed 220 volts in compliance with the City’s Electrical Safety Program under de-energized and lockout conditions only.” Motion carried. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Ziebarth to advertise for an on-call maintenance helper with applications to be reviewed in approximately two weeks. Motion carried.

The sewer lines outside city limits were once again discussed. It is the consensus that the lines south of city limits were installed by private parties at their expense and although hooked into the city lines are not part of the city’s system. Frank Yetka will be asked to develop an agreement clarifying this issue.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to approve a cell phone allowance for the fire chief in the amount of \$300/yr starting in 2016. The allowance will be paid one-half in June and one-half in December of each year upon submission of a voucher and a copy of a current cell phone billing. Motion carried.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Weiderman to keep 2016 liquor license fees as follows: Off-Sale- \$150, On-Sale-\$700, and Sunday-\$50. Motion carried.

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