

# Wrenshall City Council

## November 5, 2015, 6:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Two interviews for the On-Call Maintenance Helper position were conducted.

After a short recess the meeting continued with its regular session beginning at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: DonnaMae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Dolores Dennie, Harvey Korby, Randy Wolf, Stephanie Merrill, and Don & Marian Johnson

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Kimmes to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Weiderman to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#26647 - #26653....\$2,388.29; Payroll-#26654 - #26667....\$5,177.59; November bills-#26668- #26683 & 11/05/15-1 thru -3.....\$8,352.81; and Electronic Transfers-DC10/15-1 & -2; 10/14/15-1 & -2 and EFR15-05.... \$2,424.64. Motion carried.

Engineering—Sewer Lining: The signed contract was returned to Visu-Sewer and a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled shortly. Guy and Gary met with school officials to discuss plans.

Don Johnson from St. John's Lutheran Church addressed the council. The church will be closing its doors as of December 31, 2015. The future of the building and cemetery were discussed.

Fire Chief: The Department responded to a garage fire earlier this month. The Fire Marshall is investigating the cause of the fire. ISO audited hydrant/water flows and training records, and results should be received shortly. Radios stolen some time ago have been recovered. Damages were reported to Carlton County and the City may be getting reimbursement for the cost of changing locks. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to approve the new application and job descriptions as presented. Motion carried.

Water Operator: The replacement water meter has been ordered.

Clerk: Flow meter reports from Pioneer and Goad have been reviewed. The meter on Goad only monitors flow from two homes so reports have been inconclusive. The meter will be left at that location to see if there is I&I associated with spring thaw. The Pioneer meter readings indicate that there may be sump pumps still draining into the sewer system. This meter will be removed shortly to allow for sewer lining. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to set the City Hall as a "command post" in case of weather related or other emergencies. At a minimum the mayor, fire chief, maintenance and city staff should report to the hall as the core crisis

management team. Motion carried. Jetting of sewer lines is almost complete. Some problems were noted at the mobile home park and Candy Christiansen has been notified. Motion by Butala; seconded by Weiderman to continue with efforts to provide a city skating rink. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: The board will be working to put together an update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Anyone interested in taking part in this process is encouraged to contact City Hall or watch for further information in Images.

Nuisance Property: The City and County are still working toward resolving this matter.

Speed signs have been installed. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to contact the County to see if the sign coming into town from the north can be relocated. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weiderman to offer the On-Call Maintenance Helper position to the second candidate pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical. The decision was based on this applicant's skill set being most in line with the job description. Motion carried.

Sewer Line Outside City Limits: The proposed agreement as drafted by Frank Yetka will be discussed further in December.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to certify to the County delinquent water/sewer billings on 11 properties totaling \$5,904.34. This amount will be revised after December bills are sent to include any additional charges or payments received. Motion carried.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Weiderman to allow the Clerk/Treasurer to purchase CDs and redistribute monies at Frandsen, MCCU and NWCU. Changes will be made to make sure funds are federally insured and receive the highest return possible. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to approve the City Personnel Policy as updated according to recommendations by the League of Minnesota Cities. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Butala to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Motion carried.