

Wrenshall City Council

December 3, 2015, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: DonnaMae Weiderman, Duane Ziebarth, Gary Butala, Jeff Kimmes, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Harvey Korby, Guy Wait, and Randy Wolf.

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

Motion by Martindale seconded by Kimmes to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#26684 - #26699....\$9,288.27; Payroll-#26700 - #26714....\$6,566.71; December bills-#26715- #26728 & 12/3/15-1 thru -3.....\$12,989.87; and Electronic Transfers-DC11/15-1 & -2 and 11/10/15-1 & -2. Motion carried.

Mayor Butala added an item to the agenda under New Business;
c)Discussion: maintenance/building inspector/water operator, Motion made by Martindale to approve; seconded by Butala. Motion Carried

Engineering—Sewer Lining Update: A pre-construction meeting was held at 10:00 am this morning with LHB Brad Scott and Visu-Sewer Rep. Ron Fenny. Visu-Sewer will be here in December to start cleaning and televising the area and doing measurements for the lining project. They plan on doing the work in January and will get back to us on the specific dates. They will work with the school on these dates so that there will not need to be too much disruption for the school. A sub-contractor will then do the lining of the laterals and that will take place in late March early April.

Fire Chief: There were 5 calls in November; 3 medical and 2 fire. The annual Bingo night is this coming Saturday, December 5. FEMA Grant is opening up and department is once again going to apply to put towards the c-packs. The new process of elections was discussed in length and how they should be staggered starting out so that all elections will not occur at the same time. A motion was made by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to accept the term limits for the Fire Department Officers as follows: Fire Chief 6years; 1st Asst Chief 5years; 2nd Asst Chief 4 years; 1st Captain 3years; 2nd Captain 3years; 3rd & 4th Captains 2years then go to 3 so that they will be staggered; Secretary/Treasurer 4years. Motion Carried. The hiring process will began April 1, 2016.

Water Operator: The water line break at the school has been fixed. Guy stated that there are several valves by the water building that are not marked. In the spring the city will need to look for the valve or may have to add a valve so that we don't have to shut half the town down to work on a water line. Fluoride numbers have been running high and Guy has talked with the state engineer about the water. It looks like Wrenshall may just have a high level of natural fluoride in

the water. He will be watching these numbers. It looks like we will not be getting the snow bucket that we thought we could get. Guy suggests that we should check to see what would fit and make some calls to John Deere for other estimates. The lift station at Parkwood was cleaned out and it ended up sending the alarms off. If the resident in the Parkwood area should ever hear these, please call the numbers listed and push the button to silence the alarm. Everything is marked.

Clerk: checked with the county on the speed sign locations and they cannot be moved. Speed limits are set by the state and the county cannot change the placement of the 30 MPH sign or the placement of the 30 MPH in 1000 feet sign. AFLAC representatives have been into the city office and if anyone would be interested in looking at the material that they left for us or possibly joining the group please get in touch with Alieca or Renae.

Planning Commission: Meeting is January 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weiderman to accept the contract as proofread for the sewer connections with residents outside of the city limits and to send it to Frank for finalization. Motion Carried. Question was asked if residents will have to sign or is this just a legal notification. This will be checked on.

Nuisance property update was given as to what we have heard back from the attorney. The complaint has been filed and an arraignment is scheduled for January 14.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to certify to levy as follows
 WHEREAS; The Council has reviewed the preliminary levy increase set at 3% on September 10, 2015.
 WHEREAS; The Council believes the need for increased funding to cover ordinary expenses and future projects should remain at 3% as proposed.
 NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the final 2015 pay 2016 levy certification increase shall be 3% for a total \$117,222.
 Ziebarth-YES; Weiderman-YES; Kimmes-YES; Martindale-YES; Butala-YES Motion Carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Weiderman to approve the final 2016 budget as follows:

<i>FUND</i>	<i>REVENUES</i>	<i>EXPENSES</i>
General	\$153,880.00	\$153,796.00
Fire	\$ 42,950.00	\$ 54,930.00
Water	\$ 95,238.00	\$ 48,976.00
Sewer	\$ 70,500.00	\$ 39,953.00
Water Tower	<u>\$ 52,563.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,600.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$415,131.00	\$336,255.00

Ziebarth-YES; Weiderman-YES; Kimmes-YES; Martindale-YES; Butala-YES Motion Carried

The ditches in Parkwood area were brought up due to a complaint that the drainage was slow and a culvert is backed up. When this was looked at, they found that the culvert is holding water

because the ditches have filled in with dirt and leaves over time. Nothing can be done until spring and this will be brought up again at that time.

There was a lot of discussion that took place about the future of workers in the city. It may be a couple of years when we may need to think of filling some positions and should we look at maybe a full time person or would we still do part-time and maybe combine a couple of jobs together. Good discussion took place on this topic.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM. Motion carried.