

Wrenshall City Council

January 7, 2016, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

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

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

Motion by Weiderman seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-pays-#26729 - #26741....\$7,031.44; Payroll-#26742 - #26753....\$5,503.77; January bills-#26757- #26771 (VOID #26754-26756) and 10/07/16-1 thru -3\$65,232.03; and Electronic Transfers- DC12/15-1; 12/08/15-1 thru -3 and ETFR 15-06.... \$6,195.06. Motion carried.

Engineering—Sewer Lining: Motion by Martindale; seconded by Kimmes to postpone sewer lining until spring/summer of 2016 due to problems at the school and trailer park that need to be fixed, and authorizing Visu-Sewer to obtain quotes and to hire an area contractor to do excavation and replacement of these areas. Motion carried. LHB will draft the appropriate change orders.

Fire Chief: There were 10 runs in December; 2 fire; 8 medical. There were 93 total calls in 2015. The hiring process was discussed at length. Gary Butala and Duane Ziebarth will attend the fire department meeting on Monday, January 11, 2015, to clarify matters with the members of the fire department.

Water Operator: A fire hydrant to the north of the city garage is frozen or broken. It will be looked at more closely this spring as water is available from another hydrant in that area.

Clerk: A quote was received from John Deere for a snow bucket (pusher) for the tractor. Prices range from \$2,200 to \$2,750 depending on model/size. Wipfli will be here January 11 and 12 to complete the 2015 audit. The poster contest is underway and judging will take place January 26, 2016 with Renae House, Melvin Martindale and DonnaMae Weiderman acting as judges.

Planning Commission: The next meeting will take place January 28, 2016, to discuss future planning for the city. Residents of the City and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend.

Sewer Line Outside City Limits: The agreement has been reviewed and modified. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to have Frank Yetka make a couple corrections to the agreement and forward it to the parties involved for signature. Motion carried.

Nuisance Property: The property appears to be cleaned up. Further information should be coming from Frank Yetka.

St. John's Church is in negotiations with Son Life over the church property including the cemetery. The City will not need to be involved with the cemetery if this takes place.

Maintenance Supervisor: A cost analysis for a combined maintenance/building inspector position was received. To be considered later in the year as part of the budgeting process.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to confirm that the City of Wrenshall does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weideman to approve the meeting schedule as presented with meetings taking place on the first Thursday of each month during 2016 and the first Thursday of January 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weideman to approve Resolution 16-01-- 2016 Fees after updating the "Water Tower Assessment" to the amount due in 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Weideman to approve 2016 City appointments as set forth on the attached schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Butala to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion carried.