

# Wrenshall City Council

## September 1, 2016, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Donna Mae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Guy Wait, Randy Wolf, Dolores Dennie, Cindy Washenesky and 10 residents were present.

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

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-pays-#27070 - #27086....\$8,173.74; Payroll-#27087 - #27097....\$5,778.24; September bills-#27098- #27107 and 09/01/16-1 thru -3....\$47,137.85; and Electronic Transfers-DC08/16-1 & -2; 08/08/16-1 & -2; 08/31/16-1....\$2,267.15. September bills include payment to Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$42,393.75: \$39,000 from Sewer Fund and \$3,393.75 from Water Fund. Motion carried.

The City welcomed the new owners of Brick's Pub & Grub Al & Pam Haberman. Thank you was given to Cindy Washenesky, Tammy Johnsen and all the great volunteers who helped make Brickyard Days a success. The Brickyard Days Committee requested that the City provide event coverage through the city's insurance and consider an upgrade of electrical service at the city park to support future events. Both items will be looked into.

Fire Chief: There were 3 calls in August; 2 medical and 1 fire. Randy will order a gate valve for the City to reduce wear on the fire hydrant when selling water.

Water Operator: The hydrant on Goad was once again discussed. It is now recommended that the City budget to have it replaced and moved to the curb (approximately \$10,000) in 2017. An estimate was received from Sam's Well Drilling for evaluation/repair of the pump at Well #1. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Kimmes to proceed with the project at \$15-\$20,000 to make necessary repairs to include developing the well and replacing the pump if needed. Motion carried. The Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) at Well #1 is burnt out and will need to be replaced (\$800). Visu-Sewer has indicated that abandoned laterals were lined (1-1/2') and will not need to be sealed off. Video of the connection at 209 Pioneer was reviewed and the line will not need to be grouted. The sewer lining project is complete. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to authorize Guy to once again look for the snow pusher for the city tractor (<\$1,200). Motion carried. Water running down cables from AT&T equipment is collecting in the base of the water tower. AT&T will be notified.

Clerk: Upgrading street lights is on hold due to change in personnel at Minnesota Power. County Road 18 at Highway 23 will be closed for approximately four weeks to complete

construction of the new intersection. Traffic will be detoured to Cemetery Road or County Road 4.

Planning Commission: A letter will be sent to the Wrenshall Development Corporation requesting financial assistance for the development of a new comprehensive plan.

WHEREAS, the City Council met on August 24, 2016, to review the financial records of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined a need for increased funding to cover ordinary expenses and future projects.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the preliminary 2016 pay 2017 levy certification is proposed to increased 3% for a total of \$120,739.

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

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Kimmes to approve the preliminary 2017 budget as follows:

<b><i>FUND</i></b>	<b><i>REVENUES</i></b>	<b><i>EXPENSES</i></b>
General	\$156,395.00	\$155,810.00
Fire	\$ 46,750.00	\$ 46,310.00
Water	\$ 93,620.00	\$ 84,044.00
Sewer	\$ 72,200.00	\$ 54,360.00
Water Tower	<u>\$ 48,636.00</u>	<u>\$ 47,850.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$417,601.00	\$388,374.00

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

A complaint on a fence and cars blocking a public right-of-way was received. The fence is currently allowed under an agreement between the City and the homeowner. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to send a letter to the homeowner requesting that the right-of-way to the west of the fence remain open pending termination of the current agreement. Motion carried.

A complaint about tall grass and weeds on vacant lots throughout the city was considered. City Ordinance 92.37 was reviewed. Letters will be sent to developers asking that vacant lots be kept in compliance.

Chicken Ordinance—Amendment to City Ordinance: Motion by Martindale to table the issue until the October meeting. There being no second the motion failed. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weiderman to adopt Ordinance 16-01 with the additional requirement that the applicant have a lot size of at least one-half (½) acre. Weiderman-YES, Kimmes-NO; Ziebarth-NO; Martindale-YES; Butala-NO. Amendment failed.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 PM. Motion carried.