

Wrenshall City Council

October 6, 2016, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Donna Mae Weiderman, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Guy Wait, Randy Wolf, Dolores Dennie and four city residents. Councilor Kimmes was absent.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to approve the Agenda with the addition of Old Business: b) *Update*: US/Solar-Solar Garden and c) *Update*: Clarification of Code Regarding Chickens. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#27108 - #27130....\$9,900.06; Payroll-#27131 - #27141....\$5,336.74; October bills-#27142- #27159 and 10/06/16-1 thru -3....\$18,036.37; and Electronic Transfers-DC09/16-1 thru -3; 09/08/16-1 thru -3....\$5,974.13. Motion carried.

Thank you was given to Al and Pam Haberman of Brick's Pub & Grub for their donation to the fire department in remembrance of 9/11.

Fire Chief: There were 6 calls in September; all medical. The department has hired a grant writer to request funds for air packs, turnout gear and extrication equipment. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to acknowledge that the fire department is applying for FEMA grant monies. That City will be responsible for 5% of any grants received and that said expenditure has been approved. Weiderman-YES, Ziebarth-YES, Martindale-YES, Butala-YES. Motion carried. The Fireman's Bingo has been scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2016.

Water Operator: Motion by Martindale; seconded by Butala to purchase a new Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for the water tower control panel. Motion carried. Sam's Well Drilling should be here at the end of the month to work on Well #1. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Ziebarth to authorize Guy to purchase an 8' snow pusher from Express Snow Box for \$1,450. Motion carried.

Clerk: Letters regarding long grass and the fence were sent. The issue of the fence and the public right-of way has been tabled for further discussion in November. The Wrenshall Development Corporation indicated that they will not be able to make any contribution or partner with the City in updating its comprehensive plan. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to proceed with hiring Applied Insights (John Powers) to complete comprehensive planning in 2017. Motion carried. It is not possible for the City to provide insurance coverage for the Brickyard Days event under its policy, and a quote for upgrade of the electrical service to support the event came in at \$6,710.00. No action will be taken at this time.

Minnesota Power has indicated that the cost of upgrading street lighting from mercury/vapor to LED would depend on the age of the fixture. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to approve the upgrade of street lighting on Broadway--\$1,512.73. Motion carried.

US/Solar is working with CenturyLink to resolve an easement issue before construction on the solar garden can begin.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to approve the revised OSHA Contract with Safety Services of Northeast Minnesota at an hourly rate of \$50.00. Services to be provided on an as-needed basis. Weiderman-YES; Ziebarth-YES; Martindale-YES; Butala-YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Butala to give approval for AT&T to upgrade antennas and associated equipment on the water tower. Motion carried

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Butala to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Motion carried.