

# Wrenshall City Council

## November 10, 2016, 7:00 PM-Regular/Bd of Canvass Meeting

Attendance: Donna Mae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Guy Wait, Randy Wolf, Harvey Korby, Mike Gravelle, Dolores Dennie and six city residents.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Kimmes to approve the Agenda with the addition of New Business (f) Planning Commission: Open Seat. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#27160 - #27173....\$7,952.87; Payroll-#27174 - #27191....\$5,681.85; November bills-#27192- #2727216 and 11/10/16-1 thru -3....\$16,878.56; and Electronic Transfers- DC10/16-1 thru -4; ETFR16-04; and 10/12/16-1 & -2....\$2,299.77. Motion carried. November payments include the final payment of \$7,421.79 to Visu-Sewer from the water fund. No general fund monies were needed for the project.

Welcome was given to the Wrenshall General Store which opened Saturday, November 5, 2016. All residents are encouraged to support our local businesses.

Fire Chief: There were 9 calls in October; 5 fire/4 medical. Getting a vehicle from the DNR is on hold. The department tried to burn the tall grass in the Pleasant View Addition, but with the unusual weather conditions the underlying grass was too wet. A school evacuation drill was held and everything went well. T-shirts are being sold to raise scholarship funds for students entering the fields of criminal justice, law enforcement, EMT/medical. Please see the fire department's Facebook page for additional information.

Water Operator: The snow pusher has been delivered. Sam's Well Drilling has inspected Well #1 and a new pump has been ordered. Minnesota Rural Water has a tool that may fix the hydrant at the west end of Pleasant View Drive. The repair will be scheduled for next spring unless the tool becomes available and the repair can be made without having to dig.

Clerk: US/Solar has indicated that because of the easement issues with CenturyLink construction of the solar garden is now on hold until 2017. During fall maintenance inspections it was discovered that the furnace in the water building was in need of replacement. Tollerud Heating provided an estimate (\$3,450.16) and will be replacing the furnace tomorrow. There has been another delay in the improvement of street lights due to the condition of existing light poles. The replacement plan was modified and an additional light will be added one pole north of the football field entrance at no additional cost. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to set a work session to review the final 2017 budget on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 6:00 PM. Motion carried.

Planning Commission meeting dates have been set as follows: February 15, 2017, April 27, 2017, July 27, 2017, and October 26, 2017, at 6:30 PM to coincide with comprehensive planning meetings. Ron Moen's resignation was accepted and Lisa Jurek was appointed to fill the vacant seat.

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Martindale to send a letter to all city residents informing them of current ordinance requirements pertaining to chickens and requesting that anyone currently raising chickens take the necessary steps to get rid of them. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weiderman to request removal of a fence currently on city right-of-way. The City will take care of snow removal on this right-of-way going forward. Motion carried.

The results of the election held on November 6, 2016, were reviewed. A summary of the votes cast was read as follow:

MAYOR;	Gary Butala	183 votes
	Write Ins	20 votes
COUNCIL:	Melvin Martindale	116 votes
	Donna Mae Weiderman	160 votes
	Write Ins	76 votes

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Kimmes to approve Resolution 16-02 Certifying the Results of the 2016 Election. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to approve sending four (4) delinquent water/sewer accounts to Carlton County for certification to property taxes for a total of \$2,614.93. The total certification will be finalized in late December. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to hire Grover's Tree Service to remove a tree in the public right-of-way on Pioneer. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Kimmes to accept the renewal of liquor license application submitted by Brick's Pub & Grub and to set 2017 fees as follows: On-Sale--\$700; Off-Sale--\$150; Sunday--\$50. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to accept the terms and conditions of the proposed street maintenance agreement with Carlton County. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Butala to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Motion carried.