

Wrenshall City Council

February 2, 2017, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Donna Mae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Guy Wait, Harvey Korby and Mike Gravelle. Wrenshall School Superintendent Kim Belcastro, Dell Misgen, Mike Hyland and three other city residents were also present.

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

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#27296-27306....\$4,780.71; Payroll-#27307 - #27318....\$5,472.00; February bills-#27319- #27330 and 02/02/17-1 thru -3....\$5,570.28; and Electronic Transfers- DC01/17-1 thru -4, 01/07/17-1, EFR17-01 & 02, 01/10/17-1 & -2; and 01/11/17-1....\$3,116.85. Motion carried.

Congratulations were given to fourth grader Riley Harvey for winning the fourth grade poster contest. Her poster has been forwarded to Minnesota Rural Water to compete at the state level.

Wrenshall School Superintendent Kim Belcastro gave an overview of the district facilities referendum. Dell Misgen attended to discuss the letter she received regarding compliance with the City's chicken ordinance. She was referred to the planning commission.

Fire Chief: There were 10 calls in January; 8 medical/2 fire. T-shirts supporting Carlton County Emergency Services are still available; please contact the fire department if you are interested. There has been no word on the FEMA grant. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to increase fire department retirement benefits from \$650 to \$700 per year of service. Weiderman-YES; Kimmes-YES; Ziebarth-YES; Martindale-YES; Butala-YES Motion carried.

Water Operator: The Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) to repair Well #1 should be delivered and wired in the next few weeks.

Clerk: City staff met with WLSSD to review I&I/Fog compliance. A new ordinance has been proposed by WLSSD that requires the city develop a plan to inspect and approve all lateral connections. Under the new ordinance homeowners will be responsible to repair any problems, and the city will be responsible to enforce the ordinance. Motion by Butala; seconded by Ziebarth to send a letter in opposition to this change. Motion carried. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Weiderman to support the application for a DNR matching funds grant to improve the city park. Motion carried.

Notice for the Comprehensive Planning Meeting (February 16, 2017, @ 6:30 PM) will be posted to allow a quorum of council members to attend. All residents are encouraged to take part in the planning process.

The Council considered future projects and improvements needed throughout the city. Prioritizing the projects and funding options will be discussed further.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Motion carried.