

Wrenshall City Council

April 6, 2017, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Donna Mae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Harvey Korby, Mike Gravelle, Guy Wait, Damien Swenson, Jeff Bloom, Al & Pam Haberman, Carolyn Johnson, Ted Erickson, Darrin Weets and Charles Beck.

Motion by Ziebarth; 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-paids-#27382 - 27387....\$1,261.91; Payroll-#27388 - #27398....\$5,429.01; April bills-#27399- #27414 and 04/06/17-1 thru -3....\$17,467.73; and Electronic Transfers-DC03/17-1 thru -3, 03/14/17-1 & -1.....\$2,774.97. Motion carried.

Engineering: Task Order #6 for correction of drainage issues and improvement of upper Goad was discussed. The council will need to meet with Brad Scott to revise the task order to clearly state the work the city would like completed by LHB. Task Order #7 for complete utility maps with GPS locations and system information was reviewed. A detailed proposal for utility mapping will be requested from MRWA.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Kimmes to approve the extension of the plat for Hidden Meadows, Third Addition. Motion carried.

Darrin Weets would like to build rental units in Pleasant View Estates. He asked the council to consider deferring or adjusting the water tower assessment. Ehlers will be contacted to find out what the City can and cannot do to help promote growth in the city.

Jeff Bloom, Damien Swenson; and Al Haberman were at the meeting to request support for a new ATV riding group, Carlton County Riders. The group would like to influence the County to allow ATV riders to use county roadways. The matter of allowing ATV use on city streets was referred to Frank Yetka and the planning commission.

Fire Chief: There were 6 calls in March; 2 medical/4 fire. Randy is getting quotes for the new pickup and is now looking for a ¾ as the color needed is not available in a ½ ton. Some of the tall grass in Pleasant View addition has been burned and if all goes well the rest will be burned next Tuesday evening.

Water Operator; Derek Wolf filled in for Guy during February and March and has been working to adjust fluoride and chlorine levels in Well #3. Well #1 appears to have programming issues that will need to be addressed after Well #3 chemical levels are stable. The battery backup at

Well #3 went out and needed to be replaced. Minnesota Pump has been hired to inspect our lift station at a substantial cost savings. They verified that the whirlpool effect in the lift is normal for that style pump and did a detailed inspection of the pumps. Everything appears to be in good order.

Clerk: The I & I exceedance was due to power outage to WLSSD equipment so the City was not required to respond. Another unexplained spike in flows on March 31 is being investigated. The DNR has been onsite to look at the sinkhole in the Alex Laveau Trail. The City and school are working together on a city clean-up day scheduled for May 9, 2017.

Planning Commission: A Comprehensive Plan meeting to review the draft plan will take place April 20, 2017 at 6:30 PM. The Planning Commission will meet for its next regular meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 6:30 PM.

A Brickyard Days Planning meeting will take place Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 PM. All city and area residents are welcome and encouraged to help plan this event. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Weiderman to provide two additional satellites and garbage service in support of the event. Motion carried.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Kimmes to set the pay for the Interim Water Operator at \$350 for hours worked in February and March. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Ziebarth to send letters to the owners of all vacant lots throughout the city. The owners will be asked to keep grass mowed at least once/month through the growing season. Failure to respond or cut the grass and keep it under 12" in height as required by city ordinance will indicate consent for the City to mow the property at a cost of \$50/hour. The owner will be billed or the fee added to the tax assessment as allowed by city ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion carried.