

Wrenshall City Council

May 4, 2017, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Donna Mae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Renae House, Harvey Korby, Mike Gravelle, Guy Wait, Dolores Dennie, Tom Cawcutt, Jeff Bloom, Amanda Weiderman, Cindy Washenesky, Rose & Gerry Axtell

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to approve the Agenda as presented with the additions of New Business c) Business clean-up d) Playground Equipment. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#27415 - 27431....\$7272.83; No Payroll at meeting-; No May Bills at meeting- Electronic Transfers- DC04/17-1 thru -2, ETFR17-03 and 04/13/17-1 & - 2.....\$2,716.47. Motion carried.

Engineering: Did not ask Brad Scott to attend this meeting, they would like to have him attend the June meeting.

Fire Chief: There were 8 calls in April; 6 medical & 2 fire. Randy is still working on quotes, he is having trouble getting them back, he has received only two. Randy is gone to Arrowhead Regional Firefighters meeting tonight in Chisholm. No grant information has been released yet. DNR pickup to replace 652, no information is back yet on this, he hopes to know by next meeting.

Presentations; Amanda Weiderman spoke about the Business Professionals of America, which is a school organization that made it to Nationals. The school is unable to fund their trip since it is a National competition and their group is asking for any donations from the community or businesses that would be willing to help.

Water Operator; Automated Systems was here working on Well 1. They found a problem with the cycle counter. It runs normal until the last cycle and then it needs to be reprogrammed. Both pumps are running until they come back to fix it because they had to do the reprogramming at the office. Guy asked that the council think about a program that could be added so that no one has to be here weekends & holidays to read, it is a system that will just print the readings and they can be entered when you come back to work. Guy should get a quote. Guy is also going to order two fire hydrants for the two that need to be replaced.

Clerk: Alieca is at training for the week, she will be back Monday. Renae will get in touch with Kim Belcasto at the school to get a time for herself, DonnaMae and Jeff to meet with school officials about the alarm and bad weather shelter admittance. Talked about upgrades in the park and that it may be a good idea to have a park board that would look at this. The quote for calcium chloride came in from the county, it is in the budget and papers will be returned next week.

Tuesday, May 9th the city is working with the school on cleaning up around the city and school grounds.

Planning Commission: Dolores read the minutes from the April 27th meeting. Variance for a fence was removed. Jeff Bloom brought her his papers for an Interim Use Permit with drawings and everyone on the Planning Commission is much in favor of Jeff bringing his business to town. Planning Commission will call a Special Meeting to look at the permit. Since Dolores has missed some meetings it was suggested that they have a vice-chair, so Lisa Jurek has been appointed to that position. Discussion took place on the ATV's in town, to allow or not allow. Mayor asked for the planning commission to take a look at the ordinance and to make a recommendation on how to enforce.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chickens; are gone no action was needed.

Lawn Mower; Harvey and Mike gave a report on bids they received on the lawn mowers. They recommended the John Deere with Moose Lake Implant. This is a 700 series with a 54" deck, Kawasaki engine, four wheel drive and will be able to add attachments in the future. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to go ahead and purchase the commercial grade John Deere lawn mower with a limit of \$10,000. Motion Carried

Tower Assessment; Discussion took place on the tower assessment for new homes being built and the recommendations from Ehlers. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to follow the recommendation that we freeze the assessment at \$2107. with the option of payments at \$525./year over 4 years if needed. Roll Call Vote; Weideman-yes; Kimmes-yes; Ziebarth-yes; Martindale-yes; Butala-yes; MC

Long Grass; Proposed letter on the long grass to be sent to property owners were looked at with one change being made, to charge \$100.00/hour. Motion made by Ziebarth; seconded by Kimmes 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 \$100/hour. The owner will be billed or the fee added to the tax assessment as allowed by city ordinance. Motion carried.

Old Water Tower; Discussion about the tower and what they should do with it took place. They have tried to sell it, but nobody seems to want it. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to hire someone to come in and demo it down and just get rid of it. Discussion from Ziebarth said wait, He wanted to know how much it is going to cost to demo it first before you go ahead and just do it. Motion was rescinded. New motion made by Butala; seconded by Martindale to send out for bids to have it tore down. MC

NEW BUSINESS:

Car Show Burnout; Jeff brought up the fact that the Brickyard Committee wants to do a burnout along with the car show. They have checked with Carlton County about getting permission to do it on Alcohol Rd but they don't know if there is enough time allowed for the permission. He was wondering if they might be able to have it in the parking lot of city hall. Guy explained that he has done these before and you have many protocols to follow. He said he would help Jeff and Cindy with this. Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the use of the city parking lot as an alternate space if Alcohol Rd does not work out with the county.

Moveable Storage Container; Mr Pofert had stopped in to let the city know he wanted to put a storage container on his property for keeping his yard tools in when he is mowing. He didn't want there to be any issues or concerns with the unit. It is his property and he will be notified that he should be able to go ahead with this.

Business Interim Permit concerns; There has been complaints about a business in town that is needing cleaning up again and too much stuff sitting out and there needs to be a letter sent. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to send a letter to the business owner stating that he needs to clean up the property. MC

Playground Equipment; Gary talked about the playground equipment by Rainbow. He had picked up information at the home show and the gentleman has sent information to the city. We would be able to build on in time to this unit. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weiderman to move forward and order the Rainbow play equipment and not to exceed \$5000.00 at this time. MC

Comprehensive Plan; Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weiderman to accept the final comprehensive plan that was approved by the planning commission. MC

Public Comment; There have been complaints about dogs running loose and doing their business in other people's yards. When a complaint is filed notify Jeff and he will talk with the owners.

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