

Wrenshall City Council

August 3, 2017

6:30 Public Hearing

Attendance: Donna Mae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Dolores Dennie, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Bob Duncan, Scott Lamphier, Warren Weiderman, and Mike Gravelle.

The purpose of the public hearing was to address the status of the property on Broadway as it relates to an IUP. The IUP states that it should remain free of clutter and in the last year it has not been in compliance. The owner agrees that it has gotten out of hand due to some unforeseen events that have taken place. He is now trying to get it cleaned up. The city stated that they are trying to promote growth in our town and with complaints about the accumulated “stuff”, it is hard to do. They asked that he try to keep it more organized and maybe limit the number of jobs he takes in at one time. He agreed to be more conscientious about it and also asked that if the council has any questions come and see him.

7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

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Motion by Ziebart; seconded by Martindale to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of Jeff Bloom under presentations. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weiderman to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#27546 - 27554....\$5,567.19; Payroll-#27555 - #27566....\$6,046.33; August bills-#27567- #27581 and 08/03/17-1→3....\$14,651.22; and Electronic Transfers- DC07/17-1→3, ETFR 17-04, 07/10/17-1→2...\$3,018.25. Motion carried.

Engineering: None

Presentations: Jeff Bloom spoke about his digital sign he is purchasing to replace the current sign that is up at the store now. He stated that he would be in control of it but if the city and school wanted to put money in on it would be fine. He also stated that someone mentioned that if he does public announcements there may be grant money available. He will look into that. The city said he should check with the county as far as the right-of-way for the sign goes. Motion by

Kimmes; seconded by Martindale to approve the new sign but he (Bloom) should check with the county first. Motion Carried

Bloom also talked about the ATV's on county roads and the meeting that was held at the county last week. Everything looks good for being approved with the county, so he would like the city to follow through and put this on next month's meeting for approval with the city.

He also talked about the crosswalk in front of his store and that it is located in a goofy spot. He thinks it needs to be changed. Council replied; this is a county road and it is going to need to be discussed with the county.

Fire Chief: There were 8 calls in July; 6 medical / 2 fire. Truck is ordered – it is supposed to be manufactured in September and get it in October but that date will need to be pinned down more. The route for the 5k race for Brickyard Days is being changed and the fire department will have trucks along the route for traffic control. Fire Apparatus was here and tested the trucks; 2 failed, 1 passed. A date is set up for the maintenance to be done. A question was asked of Randy if he knows anymore about the cleanup of the burnt house. Insurance company wants to talk with the city council because there may be money available to the fire department to clean up the area if home owner does not. Home is located in Silverbrook Township but the fire department is part of the city.

Water Operator: Fire hydrant has been replaced on Pleasant View Court and is in working order. Replacing the hydrant on Goad will be tied in with the culvert work on Parkwood and won't be done until it is drier.

Clerk: The clerk reported that owners of vacant lots mowed the tall grass, Grover has completed the area at the end of Goad over to Mason, Solar Company has begun preliminary work, "children at play" signs have been ordered, all fire numbers and posts are in except for the couple of numbers that we are still waiting on, a date needs to be set for a budget meeting, and Harvey and Doug have given notice that they will be leaving.

Planning Commission: No meeting was held in July. Next meeting is October 26th

Correspondence: Cellular Lease information that had been received was discussed briefly. The letter was read from WLSSD on the \$4 million project that is in progress now in Esko. Our I&I/FOG annual report and work plan was also received from WLSSD with a score of 18. A letter from the DNR was received on the work they are doing with FEMA and flood risk mapping and assessment.

Old Business: Councilor Weiderman asked Guy if anything has happened with the old water tower? Nothing new has taken place. A motion was made by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to put official bids out to have the old water tower removed. Motion Carried. Guy said he would also call Iseler to see if they are going to be in the area at all.

New Business: Budget meeting was set for Wednesday, August 23 @6:30 pm, a motion was made by Butala; seconded by Kimmes. Motion Carried. If anyone wants something included in the budget, get in touch with Alieca.

Council Member/Public Comment: A non-resident brought up a complaint that there should not be parking in front of Bricks Pub & Grub on the street. That should be painted yellow because you cannot see down the road when you pull out of the General store. Much discussion took place with this and it was said that the city will need to look into it and maybe check with the city attorney.

Another resident asked if the city was going to be blacktopping in front of the Assisted Living home on Mason. Due to the drainage in that area the city is looking at a feasibility study to figure out what should be done with the road before any black top is put down.

Another comment was that when the owners came to mow the empty lots someone asked why they were not building out here and they replied that the building permit is way too high. The council stated that they can work with anyone on the building fees if anyone may be interested in building, have them come see us.

Other discussion was on duplex building, roads and fees.

Councilor Kimmes wanted to Thank the office and maintenance staff for the work they did before Brickyard Days. The city looked good!

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried.