

Wrenshall City Council

September 5, 2013, 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, Jeff Kimmes, John Tanner, Melvin Martindale, Mike Hyland, Alieca Johnson, Randy Wolf and Ellen Pillsbury from ARDC.

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Martindale to approve the Agenda with the addition of the review and approval of a proposed letter to residents regarding new ordinances. Motion carried.

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda as presented including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#25622-#25628....\$1,546.41; Payroll-#25629-#25639...\$4,261.14; September bills-#25640 – #25657 & 09/05/13-1 thru –3.....\$6,591.35; and Electronic Transfers- DC08/13-1 through 3 and 08/13/13-1 & 2.....\$2,262.50. Motion carried. It was noted that corrected task orders and invoices were not received from MSA and will remain unpaid until the October meeting.

MSA was not present at the meeting. Motion by Tanner; seconded by Ziebarth to allow Mayor Hyland to meet with Mark Wallace to discuss possible solutions to storm water drainage problems. Motion carried.

Ellen Pillsbury from ARDC came to the meeting to discuss the Safe Routes to Schools Grant awarded to Wrenshall. The next step will be to form a committee made up of members representing the city, school, parents and students. Ms. Pillsbury will work with the community to set up the committee, distribute a survey, and complete site assessments. She will also work to help secure funding for actions needed.

Fire: Four fire calls were made in August. Trucks were pump-tested. Two trucks failed and will need to be repaired. An estimate of the cost was requested, but not received yet. A quote for the Wrenshall shop class to build a shed for the department came in at just under \$2000. Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Martindale to approve the building of the shed and to allow the Fire Department to move forward with buying materials. Motion carried.

Clerk: We have been notified by the State Auditor that our accounting system CTAS is being upgraded. In order to pay for the rewrite the legislature has authorized the Auditor's Office to collect a \$300 user fee from each city/township that would like to continue using the software. They are asking that each entity submit an application and fee before the end of 2013. If there is not enough interest in the upgraded program the fee will be refunded. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Kimmes; to apply for the CTAS upgrade at a cost of \$300. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Motion by Hyland; seconded by Tanner to have two copies of the new ordinance book made as quoted for just under \$187/each. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to approve sending the letter from Mayor Hyland to residents regarding the City's new ordinances. Motion carried.

The DNR has given verbal approval to remove the yield signs and install stop signs at the intersection of Industrial Parkway and the state bike trail. They will also be evaluating the intersection and brushing as needed.

I & I: Midwest Electric has been allowed to connect to the city sewer. Sump pump inspections will continue with monthly/quarterly reports required by WLSSD. MSA will continue to help the City comply with WLSSD's requests. The manhole by the school pool entrance will be dye tested and the flow meter at the mobile home park has now been moved to Pioneer. A smoke test was completed today at the Presbyterian Church with no problems being found.

ATT Tower Lease: No new information has been received.

WHEREAS, the City Council met on August 29, 2013, to review financial records of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined there may be a need for a small increase in funding to properly budget for ordinary expenses and future projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that based on consideration and discussion it is hereby recommended that the preliminary 2014 levy be increased by 3%.

Ziebarth-YES; Tanner-YES; Kimmes-Yes; Martindale-Yes; Hyland-Yes.

Frank Yetka sent the City a proposed interim ordinance dealing with the sale of synthetic drugs. The ordinance places a moratorium on said business while a study of current laws and effects is conducted. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Kimmes to adopt Interim Ordinance No. 13-03 as presented. Ziebarth-YES; Tanner-YES; Kimmes-Yes; Martindale-Yes; Hyland-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyland; seconded by Tanner to increase the water base by \$.50 as required by the terms of our PFA loan. Motion carried. Ehlers will be contacted to review the loan terms to see if these yearly increases can be scaled back.

Motion by Hyland; seconded by Ziebarth to move ahead with the posting/publication of an on-call, part-time maintenance helper position. The position will be advertised next week with a deadline of Noon on Thursday, September 19, 2013. Interviews will take place Thursday, September 26, 2013. Motion carried with Kimmes voting no based on his not wanting to be involved in the process.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Kimmes to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried.