

Wrenshall City Council

December 5, 2013, 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, John Tanner, Jeff Kimmes, Melvin Martindale, Mike Hyland, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Randy Wolf and Gary Butala,

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Kimmes to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of the ATT lease as 11 (f), Maintenance Worker 12 e) and Engineering Services as 12 f). Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#25745-#25752...\$1,847.49; Payroll-#25753-#25772...\$4,893.52; December bills-#25773- #25785 & 12/05/13-1 thru -3.....\$4,691.29; and Electronic Transfers- DC11/13-1 and 11/12/13-1 & -2...\$2,141.87. Motion carried.

The Fire Chief indicated that there have been 69 runs this year to date including 27 fire and 42 medical. Membership has remained steady at 28 members (approx..2/3rds of members are first responders and 3 are trained EMTs) The department has now raised \$6,891.45 towards the purchase of the new ATV. A grant to help with the cost of replacing outdated air packs has been applied for. Pump repairs are still being arranged. One truck will be repaired for approximately \$5000 while other repairs will be completed in house for considerably less. The fire department will take responsibility for flooding the city skating rink and the city will take care of banking the area and snow removal.

Clerk: Motion by Hyland; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the purchase of 11 water meters from the City of Carlton for \$550. Motion carried. Results from the flow meter installed at Pioneer have been reviewed and results indicate that there is no significant I & I coming from Crestwood.

Motion by Hyland; seconded by Kimmes to set the final 2014 levy increase at 1%. Ziebarth-Yes, Tanner-Yes, Kimmes-Yes, Martindale-Yes, Hyland-Yes Motion carried. The contract with Safety Services of Northeast Minnesota for assistance and guidance bringing the City into OSHA compliance was reviewed. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to accept the contract as presented . Motion carried.

Chris Nordeng from the State of Minnesota came to investigate the City's claim for flood damage to the storm sewer on Goad. Mr. Nordeng viewed the site and took copies of pictures of the damage for review. He will be in contact when he knows if our claim can be recovered.

AT&T Lease: Despite contact with AT&T indicating that the City is ready to sign the amended contract the revised document has not been received. Frank Yetka will continue to monitor the situation.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Tanner to hire Guy Wait as an employee in the position of City Water Operator and to execute the proposed agreement for services. Motion carried.

WHEREAS; it has come to the attention of the Wrenshall City Council that water/sewer service has been metered and billed to 129 Broadway and also billed at a flat rate of 2,000 gallons per month for the apartment associated with the same address; and

WHEREAS; The apartment is now vacant and has been for some time and it has become apparent that all water used at the apartment goes through the main water meter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the flat rate charged to 129 Broadway shall be removed immediately and all future billings will be based on actual readings of the main water meter at this address.

Ziebarth-Yes; Tanner-Yes; Kimmes-Yes, Martindale-Yes; Hyland-Yes

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Martindale to approve the contract with WIPFLi for up to \$7,575 to complete City's 2013 Audit. Motion carried

The Council reviewed and approved sending a proposed letter drafted by Mayor Hyland to the city residents regarding the new city ordinances on pets//; snow/sidewalks, farm animals and weapons. The letter will go out with the next water billings.

Motion by Hyland; seconded by Tanner to issue Harvey Korby a \$100 reimbursement for costs incurred during the recent snow event. Motion carried.

Engineering services were discussed and reviewed. Proposals from other engineering firms will be requested for review in January.

Thank you was given to Jeff Kimmes for his hard work and dedication during his time on the Wrenshall City Council.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Ziebarth to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion carried.