

# Wrenshall City Council

## March 8, 2018, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Donna Mae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House Derek Wolf, Mike Gravelle, Randy Wolf, Peter Laveau along with 4 other community members.

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the Consent Agenda including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#27842 - #27861.....\$6,689.73; Payroll #27862 - #27871 .....\$4,217.91; March bills #27872 - #27880 & 03/08/18-1→3.....\$5,359.56; and Electronic Transfers-02/07/18-1; 02/13/18-1→2; DC02/18-1→2.....\$2,193.32. Motion carried.

Presentations: Cindy Washenesky was present from the Brickyard Days Committee to ask for help from the council and community for the event. People are not stepping forward to volunteer and if they don't have more help come to the meeting, Brickyard Days will be cancelled for 2018.

Engineering: A total of 5 RFP's were received from other engineering firms. The council will look through each of the proposals and put together their choices. If they have questions for the firms a time will be set up to meet with them.

Fire Chief: There were 7 calls in February: 0 fire / 7 medical. Pickup topper along with the roll out bed has been installed. Fire department nominations are being held on Monday, March 12 with voting taking place until March 31. The ballots will then be counted at the April business meeting. The fire department is no longer collecting shiny paper and magazines, due to VERSO is no longer running this program. The shed has been locked. Discussion took place about donating a ride on the fire truck for a raffle prize for a benefit. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Kimmes to let the fire department give a ride away as the prize. Motion Carried. Peter Laveau talked about starting a cadet program for the fire department. This has been something that has worked well for other fire departments and is a great way of getting the younger generation involved in volunteering and to think about joining the department in future years. Peter would like to talk with the school about the program and start working on details of introducing this to the community. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Kimmes to have Peter talk with the school about the cadet program if everything is ok'd by the League of Minnesota Cities. Motion Carried. Northern Natural gas had met with representatives of the city and fire department to just give them new information and update them with new SDS's. We have a good working relationship with the company. Harvey asked if the council would be available to meet with a PERA representative on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm before the regularly scheduled council meeting. All agreed that would work. Carlton Ambulance billing was once again looked at this year an

discussed the options of participating. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Kimmes to not sign the contract and not participate. Motion Carried. Martindale also added that he would like this to be put on the budget meeting in the fall to discuss more.

Water Operator: Fluoride and chlorine levels are good but will continue to do samples around town and track the water complaints that come in with the run time of well #1. Derek presented the quotes received for cleaning the inside of the water tower that is planned for 2018. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Butala to accept the quote from McGuire for \$1900 to clean the inside of the water tower tank. Motion Carried.

Clerk: Informed council of the letter to the DNR in support of a grant to fix the hole in the trail. Grant application was sent in to WLSSD. Auditors will be here March 12 & 13. Don Proulx came to city hall one day with new maps of his Pleasant View Estates and talked about some plans he is working on. The map has been put on the website for anyone that may be looking for lots available. New tables and chairs were discussed for the meeting room since the tables are broken and warped. Jeff had someone he had spoken to and will get us the information the tables. The ice rink was also discussed and what we should look at for next year and ways to improve. Council would like to get a quote for a 3-sided shelter with a bench to have over there. Game night at the school for seniors was mentioned. This is a way to encourage relationships between students and seniors. The next event is March 21, April 4 and April 18 all from 3:15-4:30.

Shared Maintenance Worker: The new hire had surgery and we are waiting until he is 100% cleared before he starts. If he isn't cleared by May 1<sup>st</sup> we will need to move on.

Public alert system quote was discussed and on how it would work for the city and if there would be useful. Council thought it may be a good to try it for 1 year. Motion by Butala; seconded by Weiderman to purchase the Public Alert System at \$225.00 for 1 year. Motion carried.

Council would like to continue their sponsorship to the IMAGES local paper. Motion by Butala; seconded by Weiderman to sponsor \$500.00. Motion carried with Martindale voting against.

The letter of request from the athletic department of the Wrenshall School was discussed. The city is not able to give money to these type of requests. It was noted to the public if anyone would like to make a personal donation to help out we have the information available for them.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Weiderman to furnish the garbage and satellites for the Brickyard Days event on August 2. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

A resident asked about the corner of Mason and Erickson and if anything is planned or been decided what to do about the drainage in that area.

Another resident said there should be snowmobile signs put up so the machines do not ride on the sidewalks.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Butala to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. Motion carried.