

Wrenshall City Council

July 12, 2018, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Derek Wolf, Jeff Goetzman, Pete Laveau, Harvey Korby, Mike Gravelle, Rose & Gerald Axtel, Randy McCuskey and Dan Adkins. Councilor Weideman was absent.

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

Motion by Kimmes seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the June 7, 2018, regular council meeting and checks as follows: Pre-paids-#28008 - #28025.....\$11,360.04 Payroll #28026- #28035...\$4,697.24; July bills #28036 - #28058 and 07/12/18-1 thru -3....\$1,272.73; and Electronic Transfers- 06/11/18-1 & -2....\$2,117.27. Motion carried.

Randy McCuskey is running for County Commissioner and gave a brief overview of his qualifications. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Kimmes to reimburse Dan Adkins \$75 for sewer repair needed after problems were found in the main at Pioneer. Motion carried.

Engineering: Motion by Martindale; seconded by Kimmes to accept TKDA's task order for general engineering in the amount of \$2,500. Motion carried. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to adopt the final Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried. A new scope of work for repair of the pavilion was developed by the insurance company's engineer. This report has been reviewed by Jeff Geotzman and has been forwarded to the contractors for new quotes.

Thank you was given to Hillside Acres, Cindy Washenesky and Jeff Kimmes for the donation and planting of flowers around the sign at the north end of the city.

Fire Chief: The fire department had 8 medical 3 fire calls in June, and has applied for and received reimbursement for training expenses through the State of Minnesota. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to adopt Resolution 18-03 as follows:

RESOLUTION INCREASING FIRE RELIEF BENEFITS

WHEREAS; the Wrenshall Fire Relief Association has requested an increase in the annual benefit rate from \$700 to \$800 per year of service, and

WHEREAS; both PERA and the city's auditor have indicated that at an \$800 level the plan is between 123 - 130.46% funded at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wrenshall City Council hereby approves an increase in the annual benefit from \$700 to \$800 per year of service effective July 12, 2018. Kimmes-YES; Ziebarth-YES; Martindale-YES; Butala-YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Butala to allow the fire department to move forward with joining PERA. Kimmes-YES; Ziebarth-YES; Martindale-YES; Butala-YES Motion carried.

Water Operator: Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to pay the bill for equipment from the City of Carlton (\$220). Motion carried. Wrenshall will be billed any time Carlton's equipment is on site whether used or not. Derek will be putting together a fee schedule showing Carlton's on-site and actual use equipment rates. Hydrant flushing is complete. There are a number of fire hydrants that will need to be repaired and this will be discussed during budgeting. GIS mapping with Minnesota Rural Water went very well and we now have coordinates for water/sewer infrastructure. The hydrant behind the water tower has been raised; cost came in at \$600 instead of the \$400 previously quoted.

Clerk: The north garage heater cannot be repaired. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to allow Randall Brothers to replace the heater at a cost of \$1,885. Motion carried.

One application has been received for the on-call maintenance worker position. No action was taken and the position will remain open.

Security alarm quotes were reviewed. More information on adding security cameras will be requested and the need for an alarm system discussed during budgeting.

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