

Wrenshall City Council

November 8, 2018, 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: City Council and Staff: DonnaMae Weiderman, Jeff Kimmes, Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, City Attorney Frank Yetka, Derek Wolf, Jeff Goetzman, Mike Gravelle, Peter Laveau, Tom Cawcutt and Warren Weiderman.

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

Motion by Weiderman seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting on October 4, 2018, and checks as follows: Pre-paids-#28179-28194.....\$5,970.29; Payroll #28195 - 28208...\$4,564.74; November bills #28209- 28229 and 11/08/18-1 through -3.....\$14,245.48; and Electronic Transfers- 10/10/18-1 & -2 and ETR18-06...\$2,661.72 Motion carried.

Planning Commission: A complaint on a fence was reviewed and the commission recommends the resident be required to get a variance. Discussion took place on the fence requirements including comments by the city attorney and fence owner. Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the fence upon receipt of the required variance application and fee. Weiderman-Abstain, Kimmes-Yes; Ziebarth-Yes; Martindale-Abstain; Butala-Yes. Motion carried.

Changes to the fence ordinance were tabled for future discussion.

Engineering: A draft of an Assessment Policy was discussed. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to make a few changes and send the policy to Frank Yetka for review. Motion carried. The policy is needed as part of the feasibility study which should be ready for approval in December.

Fire Chief: The fire department had 3 fire/3 medical calls in October and has responded to 99 calls already this year. Two new members will be taking firefighter training in January. Six members of the department took part in a training burn in Cromwell last week. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to approve the Memorandums of Understanding with Carlton and Esko needed in connection with our shared FEMA grant application if approved by the city attorney. Motion carried.

Water Operator: Sewer lines have been jetted and videoed. No problems were reported. The video tapes will be reviewed later this winter. There was a power outage on October 9, 2018, and Carlton's generator was hooked up to the Parkwood lift for three hours. It was a good test of the backup system. Residents are reminded to contact the city office any time they have concerns about their water.

Clerk: We have received a quote for software support for the utility billing system at \$1,593.75; the last billing was \$995 in December 2017. Renewal of the software support was denied. Use of rental space at the water building was briefly discussed. The office will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Weiderman to allow the size of the proposed warming house to be increased to 8' x 10' and to increase the cost allowed to \$1,050. Motion carried.

A final budget work session has been set for Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Kimmes; seconded by Butala to accept Resolution 18-10 canvassing election results from the 2018 General Election as follows:

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| MAYOR: | COUNCIL: |
| Gary Butala – 106 | Jeff Kimmes-173 |
| DonnMae Weiderman –133 | Duane Ziebarth-167 |

Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Kimmes to approve the liquor license application submitted by Brick's Pub & Grub to be effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to accept Resolution 18-11 sending five delinquent water/sewer accounts to Carlton County for certification to taxes in 2019 in the amount of \$8,209.74. Motion carried.

Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Butala to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Motion carried.