

Wrenshall City Council

February 6, 2014, 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

Attendance: Duane Ziebarth, John Tanner, Gary Butala, Melvin Martindale, Mike Hyland, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Guy Wait, Randy Wolf, Dolores Dennie, Jeff Kimmes, Chad Pfau, Deb Salo, Mark Wallis and Brian Miller-MSA, Brad Scott-LHB, Carlton Fire Chief Dane Johnson, City Administrator Tracy Hartung and Assistant Chief Derrick Wolf.

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

Motion by Butala; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction of 1/9/14 minutes to read that Butala was sworn in for a “one” year term and including checks as follows: Pre-paids-#25835-25841...\$2,810.38; Payroll-#25842-25833 ...\$4,792.60; February bills-#25854- #25865 & 02/06;14-1 thru -3.....\$3,686.39; and Electronic Transfers- DC1/14-1 thru -4, 01/13/14-1 thru 3; and ETFR14-1 & 2...\$2,881.00. Motion carried.

Engineering: MSA and LHB were allowed a few minutes to address the council. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Ziebarth to approve Resolution 14-02 which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Wrenshall is seeking a new direction with a different engineering firm. BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council is terminating the engineering contract between MSA Engineering and the City of Wrenshall effective thirty days following February 6, 2014, with adoption of this resolution. Ending date of contract March 10, 2014.

Ziebarth-Yes, Tanner-Yes, Butala-Yes, Martindale-Yes, Hyland-Yes.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to execute the proposed one-year contract with LHB. Motion carried. A meeting with Brad Scott and city personnel will take place on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 9:00 AM to review city infrastructure and projects.

Carlton Fire/Ambulance: Dane Johnson, Derrick Wolf and Tracy Hartung attended the meeting to answer questions about the Carlton Ambulance billings. The Carlton Ambulance serves three cities and nine townships. They are asking that the cost of on-call wages (\$87,000) be divided amongst these entities. Based on the current formula the City of Wrenshall would owe \$3,683. Discussion will continue when other interested parties have been contacted and participation will be considered as part of the 2015 budget.

Deb Salo attended the meeting to ask that the easement for Wrenshall Street across her property be moved or abandoned to allow for future development. It does not appear that there is an existing easement on the property and the street has never been used or maintained. Further information will be obtained from the Carlton County Courthouse and past city minutes will be reviewed prior to the next council meeting.

Chad Pfau requested the City to approve a two-day liquor license for the Carlton VFW on One Stop property for August 1 and 2, 2014, during Brickyard Days. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Butala to allow the two-day liquor license to promote Brickyard Days and local businesses. Payment of a \$300 fee will be required. Ziebarth-Yes, Tanner-Yes, Butala-Yes, Martindale-No, Hyland Yes. It was also noted that community involvement is needed if this event is going to take place.

Fire Chief: The ATV fund now has a balance of \$7,242. Motion by Hyland; seconded by Tanner to allow the Wrenshall School to use the city fire/office building as a safe haven for students if needed. Motion carried. The building addition is still planned for this spring depending on weather conditions. Mayor Hyland has been in contact with Enbridge regarding the \$200 safety conference fee that was missed due to incorrect notice and monies promised to the Fire Department for training that have never been received. The Department is still working on getting a grant to replace outdated air packs.

Water Operator: A contract for meter reading software support was considered. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Martindale to renew the annual contract with Ferguson for \$850. Motion carried.

Clerk: Congratulations goes to Jacob Murray who was the winner of the Fourth Grade Poster Contest. Frank Yetka has been in contact and is working with MSA to finish needed easements for the waterline extension project. Due to weather conditions the skating rink has been put on hold until next year. Motion by Butala; seconded by Tanner to allow the purchase of an outdoor bulletin board for city hall at a cost of approximately \$200. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission met on January 30, 2014. Items discussed included the Salo property, the requirement for the commission to review and advise the council on any storm water project, the zoning of Garden Terrace and water lines running to Washenesky/Burgraff properties.

ATT: No new information has been received.

The I & I Worksheet prepared by Renae House was reviewed. Motion by Butala; seconded by Tanner to approve the report as presented. Motion carried. MSA has been given a copy which they will need to review and approve prior to submitting to WLSSD.

Motion by Tanner; seconded by Hyland to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion carried.