

Wrenshall City Council

February 5, 2020, 5:30 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: DonnaMae Weiderman, Duane Ziebarth, Jody Mattinen; Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Peter Laveau, Jeff, Goetzman, Mike Gravelle, John Mikrot, County Engineer JinYeene Neuman and three residents.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Mattinen to approve Resolution 20-02 Accepting a Councilor's Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy. Weiderman-YES; Ziebarth-YES; Mattinen-YES; Martindale-YES. Motion carried. Jeff Kimmes will be removed from the current appointment list.

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

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Regular Council Meeting-January 8, 2020, and checks as follows: Pre-pays-#28836 - #28849.....\$4,738.14; Payroll #28850-#28857.....\$4,271.19; February bills 02/05/20-1 thru -3 and #28858-#28872.....\$11,481.71; and Electronic Transfers- 01/09/20-1; ETFR20-01 thru 20-04; 01/22/20-1\$52,760.76. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: There were 5 medical and 9 fire calls in January. The 2020 FEMA grant period has opened and Wrenshall will be working with Esko to complete an application. The 2020 Fire Budget was amended and reduced \$5,000. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Mattinen to reimburse two firefighters \$500 each for EMS training. Payment contingent on successful completion of the class. Motion carried.

County Engineer JinYeene Neumann provided information and answered questions on the County's County Road 51 (Alcohol Road) project in city limits. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to adopt Resolution 20-03 approving the County's plans as presented. Weiderman-YES; Ziebarth-YES; Mattinen-YES; Martindale-YES. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: A resident came to the planning commission to ask for a waiver of the terms of Ordinance 91.06(B) which restricts the number of dogs at one residence. The commission reviewed the facts including the age of the dogs and circumstances surrounding the request. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Mattinen to allow the dogs with a signed agreement and understanding that this waiver is temporary. Motion carried.

Engineering: The Goad/Mason/Erickson Project is being advertised. A Pre-Bid Meeting will take place February 11, 2020, at 10:00 AM, and the bid opening is scheduled for February 25. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Ziebarth to accept the new rate schedule proposed by TKDA. Motion carried.

Water Operator: John Mikrot has been in contact with the Fire Chief about water levels in the tower and will work with the department to make sure that there is enough water in case of a fire. More information will be coming on the generator available and John is working with Hawkins to make chemical delivery safer and more efficient. John will be attending the MRWA Annual Conference in St. Cloud in March.

Clerk: Jeff Goetzman, John Mikrot, and city staff met with WLSSD on the I & I/FOG annual reporting that will be due February 15. Congratulations was given Isabella Merrier on winning the Minnesota Rural Water 4th Grade Poster Contest. The audit should be complete by the March meeting. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to request bids or proposals for all contracted staff (city attorney, auditor, engineer) as contracts expire to keep fees current and fair. Motion carried.

The Council took a short recess to review three Letters of Interest received for the open council seat. Interviews will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2020, beginning at 4:30 PM.

Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the 2020 Pay Equity Report as presented. Motion carried.

Thank you was given to Wayne Phelps for the donation of an aerial photograph of Wrenshall that he took in the mid-1970s.

Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion carried.