

Wrenshall City Council

March 4, 2020, 5:30 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: DonnaMae Weiderman, Joyce Gvesrude, Jody Mattinen; Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson, Renae House, Peter Laveau, Jeff, Goetzman, Mike Bubany, Chris Clausen, Pete Laveau, Mike Gravelle, and four residents. Councilor Ziebarth was absent.

Joyce Gvesrude.was sworn into office.

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

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Mattinen to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Regular Council Meeting-February 5, 2020, and Special Meeting-February 11, 2020, and checks as follows: Pre-paids-#28873 - #28891.....\$21,737.40; Payroll #28892-#28898.....\$3,736.79; March bills 03/04/20-1 thru -3 and #28899-#28912.....\$5,462.73; and Electronic Transfers- 02/12/20-1 & -2\$2,115.36. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: There were 4 medical and 2 fire calls in February. The FEMA grant will be submitted by next Friday and an ISO audit of the fire department will take place next Thursday. The fire department will be working with the school on a mock evacuation drill scheduled for April 30, 2020, at 1:30 PM. Students will be evacuated from the school to the fire hall and Silver Brook Town Hall. Two members are attending EMT training and one is attending Fire I & II.

Chris Clausen from Clausen, Stegner and Schiessl was here to give an overview of the recent audit. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Gvesrude to accept the 2019 audit as presented. Motion carried

Engineering: The low bid for the Goad/Mason/Erickson Project came in at \$382,000. All quantities and totals were verified. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to adopt Resolution 20-04 awarding the contract for the Goad/Erickson Mason Project to Sinnott Contracting. Gvesrude-YES; Mattinen-YES; Martindale-YES; Weiderman-YES. Motion carried.

Mike Bubany presented information on Minnesota Rural Water's MIDI Loan Program to finance the Goad/Erickson/Mason Project. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Mattinen authorizing the city clerk/treasurer to complete the loan application and provide David Drown & Associates a copy of the 2019 audit. Motion carried.

Water Operator: Banning Junction has stated that it would consider selling its generator for \$20,000 or a reasonable offer. The generator could be used to run the Parkwood Lift Station or

the city hall in the event of a power outage or other emergency. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Gvesrude to make an offer for the generator not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried.

Clerk: Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to pay for an extra satellite and provide garbage services for Brickyard Days again this year. Motion carried. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to set Friday, July 31, 2020, 5:00-7:00 PM, as the date and time for the 2nd Annual Community Night Out event. Motion carried. We have received confirmation that the DNR has accepted the Wrenshall City Park as a trailhead for the Alex Laveau-Munger Bike Trail system. We will be getting a kiosk from the DNR this spring.

Motion by Gvesrude; seconded by Mattinen to approve the 2020 Appointment List as discussed and modified. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the benefits of periodically reviewing and updating city contracts. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Weideman to put out Requests for Proposals for auditing and city attorney services in July 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Weideman; seconded by Martindale to deny payment of the Carlton Ambulance billing in the amount of \$4,246.73. It remains the council's opinion that ambulance service fees should be paid by the users and not be subsidized by local governments. Motion carried.

Motion by Gvesrude; seconded by Martindale to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion carried.