

Wrenshall City Council

July 8, 2020, 5:30 PM-Regular Meeting

Attendance: Joyce Gversrude, Duane Ziebarth, Jody Mattinen, Melvin Martindale, John Mikrot, Jeff Goetzman, Pete Laveau; Renae House, Alieca Johnson and one city resident. DonnaMae Weiderman took part in the meeting via Zoom. Attendance was allowed at the meeting for up to 25% of room capacity or 15 people.

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

Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Regular Council Meeting-June 3, 2020, and Special Meeting minutes-June 8 and June 16, 2020, and checks as follows: Pre-paids-#29023 - #29048.....\$43,403.41; Payroll #29049-#29056.....\$4,750.33; July bills #29057-#29067 and 07/08/20-1 thru -3 ...\$9,626.40; and Electronic Transfers- 06/08/20-1 thru -3\$6,560.83. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: There have been 48 runs this year with 10 calls in June-7-medical and 3-fire. There has been no word on the FEMA grant. The department will have to budget for SCBAs in 2022 if the grant is not successful as equipment is extremely outdated. The cost of 14 sets of gear would be approximately \$110,000.

Thank you was given to Hillside Acres Greenhouse for the very generous donation of plants for our flower garden and to the Carlton County GOP for hosting bingo in the park.

Congratulations was given to Stef Merrill who was the winner of the June Fitness Challenge drawing.

Planning Commission: Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to schedule a separate work session to review city ordinances on weapons and shipping containers and to consider a proposed city-wide hunt. Motion carried.

Engineering: The Goad/Mason/Erickson project is underway. Motion by Weiderman; seconded by Martindale to approve Pay Application #1 to Sinnott for expenses incurred to date in the amount of \$59,211.49. Motion carried. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Ziebarth to approve Change Order #1 to install 145' of buried pipe instead of an open ditch; repair 30' of additional curb and change the specifications from C-oil to B-oil for a net contract change of + \$947. Motion carried. Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Mattinen to approve the estimate from Twin Ports Testing for \$4,091 to complete sample borings on Parkwood Drive. Motion carried.

Water Operator: Hydrant flushing and monthly water sampling are complete. There were a few hydrants that needed repair and those have been fixed. Six of the hydrants were pressure tested as required by new state law. A sewer backup occurred due to problems in MH #58 at

Lily and Wrenshall Street. Great Lakes Pipe was called and was able to clear the blockage. Manhole #58 had been sealed with blacktop. A casting to allow future access will be installed. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to reimburse the resident at 413 Lily Lane for charges incurred because of the sewer backup (\$225). Motion carried.

Clerk: Filing for the offices of mayor and three council seats will be open from July 29 through August 11, 2020, at city hall. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to approve the replacement of the sidewalk running north-south on the south side of city hall with removal of the east-west sidewalk at an approximate cost of \$1,600 + expenses. Motion carried with Ziebarth opposed. Requests for Proposals for a city auditor and city attorney will go out mid-July with interviews in August.

Motion by Gvesrude; seconded by Weideman to send a letter of inquiry to the developer/owner of Pleasant View Estates. Motion carried.

A request for a gambling permit by Frozen North Ducks Unlimited was reviewed, and they will be asked to provide additional information before any decision is made.

Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to appoint C. Johnson and C. Ankrum as election judges for the 2020 Primary and General Elections as requested by the County. Motion carried.

Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to adopt the COVID-19 Preparedness Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Gvesrude to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. Motion carried.