

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2018**

PRESENT: Parent, Warren, Baglio, Miller, Soderlund, Attorney-Susannah Torseth, City Engineer-Les Mateffy, Plumbing Inspector-John Manship, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Miller moved to approve the agenda as presented, Baglio seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the minutes as pre-read, Miller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve and Christine Hindrichs, 311 Kimberly Road, live across the street from a residence with 8 cars and a camper and a gentleman living in the camper. They would like the area cleaned up and the cars without tabs moved.

Howard Moore also attended the meeting and has received letters requiring clean up on his property. He would like the neighbor to clean up their area as he has done. His house will be complete by fall and he has removed the van from the yard.

Baglio explained the process for the removal of the items in residents' yards is a slow process, but the City is working on the problem areas.

The neighbors are tired of looking at the area with all the junk on it and want it cleaned up, so they can enjoy the area.

Susannah explained that the process needs to be followed and it is slow moving, however, the City is working on the problem areas and will continue to monitor the houses that have not cleaned up the area.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Washington County officers did not attend the August meeting.

TVEIT VARIANCE

The Council meeting was suspended at 8:07 p.m. to discuss the Tveit variance.

Doug Tveit presented a letter from his uncle who is the owner of the house. Susannah explained that the uncle needs to be present for the hearing if possible and he must sign the variance request.

The variance hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

JOE KIEL

Joe Kiel would like input from the Council on the future of his building. He is cutting back on his production and as he loses product he is not replacing it. He does not need the upstairs for offices anymore.

Since there is space and room for parking, Joe would like to rent out some of the space for offices. Before he advertises rental space, he would like Council approval.

Joe has parking space available, so the Council has no objection to the rental of the space.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET

The street budget was increased to \$80,000, staff increase will be 3%, with a levy increase of 10% on the 2019 Budget.

Warren moved to approve the budget with these changes, Soderlund seconded the motion and the budget was approved.

VIOLATION OF ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE – WILDWOOD WINE

Wildwood Wine and Spirits had an employee sell liquor to an underage minor, however, the employee does not have a criminal record and it was a mistake that has caused the

employee to be charged with a gross misdemeanor that could result in a fine of \$3000 and up to a year in jail.

The Council would like the owner to attend the September Council meeting to answer questions on the violation before a decision on the penalty is made.

SEWER LINE ON CHATHAM

The Council reviewed the bill from Capra Utilities for the work completed at 106 Chatham. John Manship explained the residential service at the manhole is called a doghouse as referred to on the invoice. The concrete failed at the connection in the street and there was a hole on the underside of the line.

The mayor has had conversations with the lawyer and engineer on the problem and the cost of the repair. Due to the expense that could be incurred with legal fees and engineering fees, the City has decided to close the case. The resident will not be charged for the repair and a new ordinance will be adopted to avoid future questions on the connections of resident's sewer lines.

Susannah presented a new ordinance for sewer repair for Council review. The Council needs to review this ordinance and decide how to word the new ordinance to prevent the questions about sewer connections arising in the future.

Emily Strangl asked why the pipe on their property was changed to pvc from clay since the ordinance requires clay pipes. The state law now prohibits the use of clay pipes and this ordinance will also be updated.

COUNTY 12 UPDATE

There is nothing new on County 12. Les Mattefy will be attending a meeting tomorrow to discuss some specifics on the project and he will report to the Council on the progress.

GRANTS

Becky Sranl found some grants, but none would help with the current problem on County 12 without an Economic Development Plan. Becky would like permission to check with some graduate students to see if they would be interested in writing a plan for Willernie to complete a thesis.

The Council thanked Becky for her work and encouraged her to continue with any plan that would lead to grants for the City.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

Baglio has a list of violations that will be sent to the clerk and she would like to review the parking ordinance the City currently has in place.

There are several residents that have debris and cars in their yards that need to be removed.

Tickets can now be issued to the residents that have not removed the articles in their yards after the letters were sent so the officers will be notified of the violations.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Forty-two people attended the golf tournament. Roma provided lunch, everyone had a good time and the City raised approximately \$1500.

Thankyou to Miller for all the work he does on the tournament.

RICK REPORT

Patching is being done, trees are down in the park, woodchips have been spread and there are more in the park to be distributed.

Rick is working with Mahtomedi on the beach area and he will set up a tree trimming in Willernie Park.

The mayor thanked Rick, Les and John for working on the sewer problem.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Miller moved to approve the bills, Baglio seconded the motion and the bills were approved.

ADJOURNAMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer