

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

PRESENT: Parent, Bohnen, Warren, Miller, Baglio, Attorney-Susannah Torseth, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

ADOPTION OF AENDA

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

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY, 2018 MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Jawor introduced himself as the owner of the townhouses on Stillwater Road. Mr. Jawor is preparing an email for the city council and the county engineers concerning the proposed improvements on County 12. If the proposed changes are completed on County 12 the townhouses will lose parking on this road and when the tenants move, they cannot carry the items through the back of the townhouses.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Washington County officers did not attend the February meeting.

AMERICAN LEGION GAMBLING ORDINANCE

Ken Lohr represented the legion, asking the Council to approve the sale of pull tabs at Roma Market. Roma has agreed to work with the Legion on selling the tabs if there is approval by the City and a copy of the resolution.

Bohnen moved to approve the resolution for the sale of pull tabs at Roma Market in the City of Willernie. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CABLE COMMISSION EXTENSION AGREEMENT

The mayor read the agreement from the cable commission, Miller moved to approve the extension as proposed by the commission, Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MIKE BUBANY

Mr. Bubany works for a registered municipal advisory firm to help cities acquire bonds for projects within the city that are not a budget item.

Mr. Bubany explained how the bonds work and the process used to acquire the bonds in the cities. There is no collateral on a bond issue, the city pledges revenue.

General obligation bonds get better interest rates than other loans and the interest rate is tax exempt. The rate will be fixed, bonds are not variable.

Each city decides on the project to be funded, then questions on public hearings and the steps that need to be taken to acquire the bonds are discussed by the Council and a representative from the bond company.

WATER MAIN BREAK BILL FROM MAHTOMEDI

There was water main break 20 feet north of 72nd a few months ago and Mahtomedi sent Willernie a bill for half of the repair costs associated with the break.

Willernie was not included in any of the decisions concerning the repair, however, there is a clause in the water contract about shared areas.

After much discussion, it was decided that Susannah will discuss the issue with Mahtomedi and report back to the Council.

COUNTY 12

As discussed at the earlier meeting with the County, Willernie needs to apply for as many grants as possible to help with the expense of the project on County 12. Parent has discussed the issue with Fischer and Wiger, plus she has called several places for help on the financing of this project.

Willernie's Washington County Commissioner Stan Karwoski suggested some workshops to discuss the concerns on the County 12 project and he will have his staff reach out to the mayor.

YARDS IN VIOLATIONS

June Hanson's house will be on the market in early spring or summer due to her death.

Patraw satisfied the conditions required to clean up his property.

GRANTS

Miller did not have any news on the grants for the City.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The county is looking for a place to take the animals and will report back to the cities as soon as they have any information on this issue.

RICK REPORT

Everything is running smoothly in the City.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer