

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2018**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MINUTE OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the September 2018 minutes as pre-read, Warren seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the October meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The officers asked the Council to be aware of suspicious vehicles in the area. There has been a call from a resident on the corner of Wildwood to Warner. Vehicles are not stopping, and children are on Warner – it is a dangerous situation. Also, there is a concern on Chatham and Kimberly coming down the hill without watching for stop signs and pedestrians.

There will be extra patrols requested on these streets to avoid any potential problems.

WILDWOOD LIBRARY UPDATE

Eric, from Washington County, passed out pictures of the future library and made a presentation showing the use of space and the requests of the citizens that have been incorporated in the design of the project.

Stan Karwoski stopped in to ask if the Council was pleased with the library project and they agreed that it is an attractive proposal.

TVEIT VARIANCE

Mr. Tveit did not attend the Council meeting.

The mayor summarized the letter from the DNR on the Tveit property explaining there is a question of ownership concerning the retaining wall on the property. The retaining wall is on a road belonging to the City of Willernie.

Due to Mr. Tveit's failure to appear at the meeting, failure of Mr. Tveit to provide additional information requested by the Council at the last meeting regarding specific design of the proposed variance, and potential complications regarding the proposed work on the property with the DNR, Parent moved to deny the variance. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Council members agreed that if Mr. Tveit wishes to re-apply for the same variance, any variance application fee will be waived. A notice to Mr. Tveit on the removal of the retaining wall should be sent and he should contact Rice Creek Water Shed concerning the property.

JAMES SCHANEZ 322 FAVERSHAM

There is a culvert next to Mr. Schanez's house in Willernie that has a retaining wall on it. Mr. Sanchez believes the retaining wall is becoming weak due to weather conditions, and he would like to know if the City would help rebuild the retaining wall.

The Mayor explained that the creek was stabilized, and the culvert was installed to have the water go over the road. The railroad ties have been there for some time. The City believes the creek is under the jurisdiction of the Rice Creek Watershed District, and the city's suggestion is to call the watershed district to see if anything can be done about this problem. Additionally, the Council cautioned Mr. Sanchez that it appears from the photos Mr. Sanchez showed the Council at the meeting that most of the area he is concerned about is not on his property, and to make sure that if any action is taken, that the work is either completed on his property, or with the permission of the property owner.

ORDINANCES

Susannah passed out the 200 ordinances for the council to review before the next meeting. The Council will email Susannah with any recommendations on the ordinances.

COUNTY 12 UPDATE

The Mayor is meeting with the engineer and the county on October 26 at the Willernie City Hall. Anyone interested is welcome.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

The Council reviewed the properties that are in violation, however, 310 Kimberly and the rental at 302 Kimberly property owners were present so these properties were discussed first.

The Mayor read the violation report on 310 Kimberly that has 5 people living in the house and all are Minnesota residents. The Mayor explained that the number of vehicles in the yard is not a good situation. There is also a tent in the backyard and a motor home.

The owners Chris and Randy Bello explained that the tent holds a scooter for the 88-year-old that lives with them and he does have a driver's license. The motor home is currently a guest and this person has a car and two trucks, but they are only visiting at the present time.

The Council explained that failure to maintain landscaping can degrade the property and the values of neighboring properties.

302 Kimberly has two individuals living in the house, but it has several exterior buildings on the property being used as storage. The owners agreed to remove the extra buildings and clean up both properties.

A motion to send notice of violation on November 1 giving the violators 14 days to clean up the property was made by Baglio. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

GRANTS

Miller is sending proposals for small city development and is currently waiting on replies to the proposals.

RICK REPORT

The sewers have been cleaned, the hydrants have been flushed and the leaf-vac is out until the first part of November.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Miller moved to approve the bills. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer