

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ordinances were added as an agenda item under new business. After this addition Warren moved to approve the agenda, Miller seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hanna Wallenstein, resident of 501 Paddington, would like to inform the Council of the danger to school age children on Chatham and Paddington. The drivers are not observing the stop signs and it is dangerous for the children to wait for the buses on this corner. The worst times are between 8:40 and 9:05 a.m. and 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

The mayor suggested a phone call to the bus company explaining the danger. Hanna has already called this company and they would not change anything.

The mayor is meeting Friday with the school district and she will explain the situation to them, hopefully, the school district can contact the bus company.

Warren suggested contacting the sheriff's office when the cars were flying through the stop signs. At this time the Washington County Officer's arrived at the Council meeting.

The situation was again explained to the officers and they will check into it immediately.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Washington County Officer's asked the Council if there were any other problems in the City.

Howard Moore explained that a neighbor has a person living in their shed which the officers will report to the health department.

The mayor explained that the trees in the park are going to be trimmed to help with the issues in Willernie Park.

The officer's informed residents about a group breaking into unlocked cars in White Bear, Mahtomedi and Willernie. They are looking for change and other items of value in the cars. If the cars are locked, they move on to the next one.

The mayor will put all the information the officer's related in the newsletter, so resident's will be aware of the danger. Also, the mayor will remind the residents to dial 911 when they need assistance from the Washington County Officers.

TVEIT VARIANCE HEARING

The City Council meeting was suspended at 8:27 p.m. to discuss the Tveit variance.

The distance from Tveit property to Lake Washington is approximately 14 feet. There is no flat area on the property, there are legs in front and nothing in back on the shed. The existing shed is too close to the lake because the setback is 150 feet from the water.

The old shed is in place and Mr. Tveit wants to add onto this shed. The larger shed will allow for more storage. The current shed is 7 x 8, and the addition would be 16 x 14. The wood piles are for building the addition and the material in front of the pond is a retaining wall. The retaining wall is on a City easement, so the wall will need to be removed.

The DNR is coming to inspect the area before building the addition to the shed next week.

The Council asked if the shed is in front of the house, however, it is on the west side of the house and there is no other place for it on the property.

Susannah explained that when the City was platted the road was put in the plat. A survey will be needed to know exactly where the property lines are at this address.

The watershed district needs to be contacted and they will inspect the area to make sure a permit can be obtained.

A motion to table the variance due to lack of information was made by Parent. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The variance hearing closed at 8:48 p.m. and the Council meeting reconvened.

VIOLATION OF ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE – WILDWOOD WINE

The owners of Wildwood Wine and Spirits attended the meeting to answer questions concerning the recent violation at the store.

Susannah explained that this was the second violation for a sale to an underage minor and that is the reason for the questions on the violation.

The employee that is responsible for the violation has worked in the store for two years and the owners feel it was an honest mistake on his part. He asked for ID but could not read it properly and sold to an underage minor.

They have installed a machine that swipes ID information, so this will not happen again.

The Council thanked the owners and asked them to continue with caution on the ID information.

INSURANCE WAIVER

A motion to not waive the liability insurance for the City was made by Parent. Warren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ORDINANCES

Parent explained that the ordinances need to be reviewed and updated as has been done in the past. Susannah will work with the law clerk and bring the ordinances for review as they are ready in the next few months.

COUNTY 12 UPDATE

Parent has been attending meetings on the County 12 project and will keep the Council posted when new information is available. Currently, the discussion about street lights is beginning, however, cost is an issue, and nothing has been decided at this time.

SEWER ORDINANCE

Susannah review the proposed new sewer ordinance with the Council and after discussing the changes Parent moved to accept the new ordinance as Resolution 2018-10. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

Susannah passed out information on violations of the ordinances that should be reviewed and discussed by the Council. The forms allow for the residents to come to a Council meeting and discuss the issues they have been asked to address. The forms also have the violation of the specific ordinances written on them when they are issued with the letters sent to residents.

VACATION PROCEDURES

The vacation procedures for Minneapolis were presented to the Council for review.

This procedure outlines the necessary steps to be taken when someone requests vacation of a property in the City.

Susannah will have the law clerk draft a form to use on the vacation procedure.

GRANTS

Miller met with Mrs. Strangle and they are working on several areas to request grants. Miller also has a list of contacts for people with grants available. He is approaching all avenues to the City for grants.

RICK REPORT

Parent wanted to inform the Council of Peter Fischer, our state legislature representative, has been selected as a League of Minnesota Cities Legislator of Distinction for 2018.

Rick reported that someone is spray painting the concrete basketball court in Willernie Park. Rick cleaned the concrete and removed most of the paint.

Tree trimming will take place on Saturday in Willernie Park.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Baglio made the motion to approve the bills for September, Soderlund seconded the motion and the bills were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer