

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2019**

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

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Parent, Council persons Warren and Soderlund were sworn in for a new term in office.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Miller moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Willernie Beach under new business. Warren seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2018 MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the January meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The officers read the ordinance concerning the parked car on Clyde that a neighbor was concerned about. The car is moving so no tickets can be issued at this time. There is a silver Volvo at 220 Kindross that hasn't moved in sometime that the officers will check on.

KEVIN PETERSON

The Mayor explained that several members of the business community were in attendance due to the concern about the construction on County 12. The liquor store needs deliveries and the cleaner's customers need access to the store to continue to survive during the construction.

Washington County Commissioner Stan Karwoski was also present at the meeting.

Kevin began his presentation with a handout to the Council and explained that the county has identified problems with County 12 requiring construction on this road. It will remain a two-lane corridor. The goals of the project are to improve safety for all users, provide efficient corridor mobility, now and in the future, preserve and enrich the corridor setting, provide a comprehensive transportation network, compatibility with natural and human environment, financial responsibility, drainage improvements, city utility replacement and responsible construction schedule.

It will be impossible to keep one lane open for the businesses. Kevin will meet with the business owners at another time to discuss the options for customer and delivery parking.

The Mayor then reviewed the expenses on the project and questioned the inflation of the cost involving this project. There is a grant, however, the grant only covers the overage of the project. This is not helping the City with the financing of this project.

Kevin explained that the cost is an estimate and they are still waiting on bids. The bids are higher than last year due to product inflation. The drainage cost required by the City is also adding to the cost of the project.

The Mayor explained that it is \$60,000 over budget and is very concerned about the repayment of the project.

Stan Karwoski, County Commissioner, knows that the cost is a worry for the City and suggested that after the bids are received the staff at the County, Kevin and the Mayor will review the costs and try to find a solution to the added expense.

The Mayor then opened the meeting for questions from the business owners. Katie Busson wondered how the trucks are going to be rerouted for delivery. There is a two to three month per phase of the project plan that will reroute the delivery trucks.

Wildwood Wine and Spirits and Skyline Cleaners are concerned about keeping customers.

STEVE HINRICHS

Mr. Hinrichs was ill and did not attend the meeting, however, the police officers will address the problem with the white car parked on Clyde and explain the ordinance to Mr. Henrichs.

MILES SCOTT – KEN LOHR

Mr. Scott and Mr. Lohr did not attend the meeting.

WILLERNIE BEACH

Todd Anderson is removing a concrete floor and bringing in a steel floor to the apartments by the Willernie Beach. He is requesting permission to open the gate so he can access the apartment building. There will be 2 to 3 days of activity.

If Willernie allows Mr. Anderson to use the property he will make sure to fix any ruts that happen, he will also sign a contract if the City agrees to the use of the area.

The Council agreed to let Mr. Anderson use the area if he will sign a contract agreeing to repair any damage if it occurs, and Rick will take pictures of the area before and after the work is completed. Mr. Anderson will need to close the gate when it is not in use and at night so no one else has access to the area.

A motion to allow Todd Anderson to use the property by the Willernie Beach and have access to the gate, subject to an indemnification contract was made by Miller. Warren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

RESOLUTION TO ABATE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON 308 CHARING

The Mayor explained the certification process to the Council; however, the residents of 308 Charing did not receive the water bills for the year due to some mail problems. They have asked to pay the amount and not have it certified to the taxes.

A motion to accept the resolution as read by the Mayor to abate the special assessment on 308 Charing was made by Baglio. Miller seconded the motion and resolution was passed.

The issue of the late charges on this account will be addressed at the February meeting.

JENSEN/SIMPSON LOTS

Susannah ran a title exam to explain who owns the property and how it was acquired. Cecilia and Walter Simpson own these two lots and were obtained through a tax forfeiture. There is a clear title to the property. Susannah has a Quit Claim Deed that has been signed by the property owner.

The conditions on the gift of property are that it needs to be approved by 2/3 of the Council with a resolution for acceptance of the property. There could be environmental issues or encroachments that might require a survey.

Susannah will prepare the resolution for the acquisition of the Simpson property for the February meeting.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

A motion to appoint Mark Warren as deputy mayor, Diane Baglio as parks and building liaison, Patrick Miller as the sewer and water liaison, Mark Warren as the street liaison and Tammy Soderlund as the public safety liaison was made by Baglio. Miller seconded the motion and the appointments were made.

CITY OF WILLERNIE APPOINTMENTS

A motion to appoint Vickie Keating as Clerk-Treasurer, Jack Kramer as building inspector, John Manshiip with Jack Kramer as backup for the mechanical and plumbing inspector, Midwest One as the official bank, White Bear Press as the official newspaper, Galowitz Olson, PLLC as the legal firm, Abdo, Eick & Myers as the auditors, Bev Friendt with alternate Vickie Keating for the cable commission, Les Mateffy, Lake Superior Consulting as the engineer and Celia Wirth as the computer liaison was made by Baglio. Miller seconded the motion and the appointments for the City were made.

LIQUOR LICENSES

A motion to approve the following liquor licenses providing all the paperwork is approved for Gordy's on sale, off sale and Sunday license, Frigaard's on sale and Sunday license, Roma Market on sale, off sale, Sunday and Brewers license and Wildwood Wine and Spirits off sale license was made by Miller. Soderlund seconded the motion and the licenses were approved.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

There is the one issue with Mr. Hinrichs and the Mayor or Warren will explain the ordinance to him. The person who lives in the house knows the car is there and it is moving. The officers are going to take care of the silver Volvo so there is nothing else to report.

GRANTS

Miller has been in contact with Rice Creek Watershed District and they are reviewing our application for a grant. The City should know in the next few weeks about the funds that will be available.

RICK REPORT

The trash container in the park was moved so Rick put it back.

Wood Chuck tree service was in the City trimming trees on several streets to help with the visibility.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer