

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2019**

PRESENT: Parent, Warren, Miller, Baglio, Soderlund, Attorney – Lauran Kirschner, 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 FEBRUARY MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No residents were present for public comments at the March meeting

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Mayor inquired about an arrest near her house. The officer explained this was a parole violation.

The officers did inquire about the water level on Chatham. Rick explained that this is Mahtomedi's drain, but he is watching the area to prevent any problems on the road. The officers have been asked to watch any potential flood areas and notify officials if the flooding is questionable.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Parent moved to begin the Storm Water Management Hearing, Miller seconded, and the public hearing began at 7:05 p.m.

There were no residents present for the Storm Water Management Hearing, however, the Mayor did ask if the creek is clear and running without problems. The Mayor was assured that the creek is clean and running smoothly.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with a motion to return to the Council meeting by Parent. Baglio seconded the motion and the Council meeting resumed.

KEVIN PETERSON COUNTY 12

Kevin explained the major reconstruction that is taking place on County 12. The county would like access to Willernie Park for vehicles and equipment used during the road construction. The county will remove the no parking signs, fence and restore the grass in the area after the project is completed. The area will be fenced to protect the trees and playground. A lilac bush might need to be moved and the county will request Mahtomedi to water the new grass without cost to the City of Willernie.

The loan the City is to obtain from the county will now be at a 3% interest charge instead of zero. Parent explained that the amount of the project continues to grow which causes the City concern. The loan was to be zero percent and is now 3%, the grant covers the amount of the increase in the project and the bids are not in yet. The sewer line and storm drain are also adding to the expense because of the water main that will be replaced. The City of Willernie has struggled to obtain the funds for the project when it was a lesser amount and as the amount increases the struggle becomes a larger issue.

The county will discuss the loan with the county commissioners and try to work with the City to reduce the burden of this expense.

CHRIS COSGROVE

Mr. Cosgrove did not attend the March meeting.

AUDIT REVIEW – JUSTIN

Justin from Abdo, Eick and Meyers reviewed the audit information that was distributed to the Council members.

SMALL CELL WIRELESS INFORMATION

FCC had a policy in place that required the cell tower regulations, however, a petition was brought by the National League of Cities against these regulations and they went into effect January 14 so there is nothing the City can do at the present time.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION

Parent moved to approve the submission of Willernie's Comprehensive Plan, Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

SIMPSON PROPERTY

The Council is waiting for the survey on the Simpson Property before any decisions can be made.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

There is nothing new in the violation of the ordinances, however, the Council will be walking through the City as the weather improves to check on the junk in resident's yards.

GRANTS

Parent testified in front of a committee that reviews cities that need bonds. The state bonding bill will be given to cities that need help. There could possibly be some funds for the City of Willernie this year or in 2020. The committee will notify the City when the decision is made.

RICK REPORT

Hot mix should be ready next week so Rick will be patching the streets. There are not as many pot holes this year as he expected. The sweeper is ready to go, and he will be out in the streets as soon as the weather permits.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer