

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2020**

VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Parent, Baglio, Miller, Soderlund, Siver, Attorney-Laurann Kirschner, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The budget was changed to item E under New Business and then Miller moved to approve the agenda. Baglio seconded the motion and all Council members voted yes to approve the agenda.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2020 MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the minutes as pre-read, Soderlund seconded the motion and all Council members present voted yes to approve the July minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Combs – a resident of Mahtomedi is concerned about the noise level at Roma. Mr. Combs renewed the complaints in his previous letter and feels that Roma has expanded the hours of the music. They start the music at 4:30 and play later than 11 p.m. Mr. Combs does not feel the music should be heard more than a block away from the restaurant.

There is also loud talking between the music, he encourages the Council to investigate the situation and decide if there is a problem.

Parent asked if Roma turned down the music on Sunday as requested and Mr. Combs said they did not. You could not enjoy eating at Roma due to the loud music.

PERMIT FROM XCEL

Xcel energy has requested a permit at 310 Faversham to replace an existing pole

Parent moved to approve the permit. Soderlund seconded the motion and all Council members present voted yes to approve the permit.

ORDINANCE MEETING

Laurann can set up the Zoom meeting for reviewing the ordinances on September 14th at 5:30 p.m. This will be to review ordinance 700.

COMPUTERS

Due to the covid grant we have ordered plastic shields for the office, hand sanitizer, masks, thermometer, and air purifier.

The computer for Rick is necessary to mark the sewer and water lines. Zoom has also been obtained for a year. The computers will have cameras so the Council members can join the zoom meetings and keep city business on the computers.

RENTAL LICENSE INCREASE

The Council feels the price of the current rental licenses does not include administrative costs.

The Council would like to increase the license fee to \$75 a year.

A motion to increase the rental license to \$75 a year was made by Miller, Siver seconded the motion and all Council members present voted yes to increase the rental licenses and inspect the properties yearly.

APPROVAL OF THE 2021 BUDGET

Miller moved to approve the 2021 Budget as discussed in the Budget meeting. Baglio seconded the motion and all Council members present voted yes to approve the 2021 budget.

FINES ON WATER BILLS THIS QUARTER

There will be no fines on the water bills in 2020 due to covid. The Council will revisit the situation in January 2021.

ROMA UPDATE

Parent walked around Roma and does not think the set up is attractive. Brian has not met with Jack and the Council did not approve music every night. It is usually a special event when the restaurants are allowed outdoor music.

This year due to covid the restaurants are struggling and have moved outside as requested by the state.

There is a problem with the noise. The noise decibals were supposed to decrease; however, this has not happened. Miller can hear the music at his house on Kindross, Soderlund can hear it on Stewart so this is not acceptable. Baglio and Soderlund do not feel the set up is a good one and are not in favor of approving the permit for the stage.

Parent explained that historically, Gordy asked to have an outside venue on one night. He asked for permission for that specific night and was then granted permission for one night only. Roma has tables, a bar, a building, a stage and music.

The stage in the parking lot would require a conditional use permit, however, during the pandemic cities are giving businesses some space.

The Council needs to check with the fire department to see if the stage is blocking entrance to the area and if the stage is in the proper place.

The music should be suspended until all the questions are answered by the fire department and the Council will make sure everything is up to date and codes are being followed. The building permit cannot be approved until the questions are answered about the fire hazard.

Issue #2 is the noise. Last month Brian was going to bring the noise way down and that hasn't been done.

The City can provide notice to Roma or the police can become involved. A notice of violation should be served to the owner.

The third issue is the inspection done by the committee and the area needs to be cleaned up.

The building permit application cannot be approved until the answers come from the fire department. Miller will notify the fire department and report back to the Council in September.

Laurann or Susannah will send the noise ordinance violation to Roma.

Junk violation will be sent by Baglio to Roma.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

Thirty-four residents completed the clean up right away. The next step to be taken is on the residents that have done nothing for the last four months.

Malkowski has more stuff since the committee met with her and she needs a notice of violation.

The rest of the violators will be notified, and tickets will be issued.

MAYOR'S LETTER

Parent asked for any information that the Council would like incorporated in the newsletter coming up in October. This information can be submitted in September.

GRANTS

Miller explained that the state budget has not been passed so there is no information on grants from the state. Another one that Miller applied for is waiting on more information.

RICK REPORT

The roads have been patched, there was a sewer backup on Wildwood and Stewart due to flushable wipes. A tree went down during the storm that has been cleaned up and vegetation around the street signs is being trimmed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Baglio moved to approve the bills, Soderlund seconded the motion. All Council members present voted to approve the bills.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and all Council members present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer