

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2022**

PRESENT: Parent, Soderlund, DeJong, Siver via Zoom, Attorney-Susannah Torseth, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

ABSENT: Baglio – ill.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Letter D under New Business was added as Resolution for Closing. After the addition was made Soderlund moved to approve the agenda, DeJong seconded, and all council members present voted yes to approve the motion.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2021 MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the December meeting.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The deputy mayor along with parks and buildings is Baglio. Sewer and Water is DeJong, Streets is Siver, and public safety is Soderlund.

A motion to approve the city appointments was made by Soderlund, Siver and DeJong seconded the motion. All council members present voted yes to approve the motion.

CITY APPOINTMENTS

Soderlund moved to appoint Vickie Keating as Clerk-Treasurer, Jack Kramer as building inspector, John Manship with Jack Kramer as backup for the plumbing and mechanical inspections, Midweststone as the official bank, White Bear Press as the official newspaper, Galowitz Olson PLLC as the legal firm, Abdo, Eick, & Myers as the auditor, Bev Friendt with Vickie Keating as alternate for cable commission, Les Mateffy and Jenn Solseth as engineers and Celia Wirth as the computer liaison.

DeJong seconded the motion and all council members present voted yes to approve the motion.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVAL

A motion to approve the following liquor licenses as long as all the paperwork is completed and received was made by Soderlund. DeJong seconded the motion.

Gordy's – On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday License
Firgaard's – On Sale and Sunday License
Roma Market – On Sale, Off Sale, Sunday, and Brewers License
Wildwood Wine and Spirits – Off Sale License

All council members voted yes to the motion and the motion passed.

EMERGENCY REOLUTION

Susannah explained there are statutes requiring notification of location when using Zoom for the meetings. If it is an emergency, it needs to be declared an emergency. The mayor can declare a local emergency with council approval.

The world health association has created a pandemic due to the increase of COVID and the mutation. The CVC suggests a six-foot distance between people for safety and the Willernie City Hall does not have the space to follow this rule.

One person must be on the premises and if members of the public wish to attend the meetings they can attend in person or on Zoom. The mandate is to require masks if attending council meetings.

A motion to pass the resolution recognizing and continuing local emergency in response to COVID-19 pandemic was made by Soderlund, seconded by DeJong. All members present voted yes to the resolution.

MATS BUSINESS LICENSE

Mats is renting space to Full Circle Fitness who has not applied for a business license through the city. Soderlund discussed the necessity of a business license with the Full Circle Fitness owner and explained she needs to attend a council meeting requesting a business license.

The owner has not approached the city office for a business license as of January 19, consequently a letter from the attorney will be sent to the owner explaining city ordinances.

BONDING REQUEST

Jenn Solseth is now the point person from Bolton-Menk on the bonding request due to Les Mateffy's illness. Parent and Rick have met the deadlines for the bidding process, and they will discuss the process further tomorrow.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

There are still problem areas on Wildwood Road, however, the committee will be checking on the areas for clean up after the snow has melted.

RICK REPORT

Woodchuck is going to remove the trees by the pole barn in the next few weeks. Mahtomedi has been notified and the cars in the parking lot will be moved. Rick is meeting with Tyler from Woodchuck in the morning to discuss the tree removal and set a time frame. The trees on the south side will be removed and anything else leaning into the building will be removed.

The trimming budget is being used for the tree removal this year.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Soderlund moved to approve the bills, DeJong seconded the motion and all council members present voted yes to approve the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. DeJong seconded the motion and all council members present voted to approve the adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer