

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2023**

PRESENT: Parent, Siver, Baglio, Soderlund, DeJong, Ken Johnson and Clerk-
Vickie Keating.

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING – MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

REVIEW

Parent reviewed the past few months without our maintenance superintendent and explained that the City of Grant has offered Ken Johnson a position as the road commissioner.

Willernie suggested hiring Ken as an independent contractor and asked if Grant would be on board with that plan.

The advantage of an independent contractor for the City of Willernie is the expense of the benefit package because Ken would not need it as an independent contractor.

Ken does need the water and sewer license and there is a list of duties given to him by Parent.

The city has done well from December to the present with Ken covering the position.

Ken believes his company could do what Willernie needs without the down time.

The street sweeper comes out in the spring and fall. The leaves are picked up in the spring and fall. Roads are paved in the spring and summer and the beach is maintained in the summer. During the summer, mowing takes place weekly.

Ken would like between \$4,000 and \$4,500 a month to take care of expenses.

Ken suggests selling the rodder due to the safety and it is also not a piece of equipment that Willernie needs. The sewer is checked and maintained by the sewer company and they have the equipment needed.

Ken would be on call if trees fell or the sewer and water lines have problems.

DeJong asked about an emergency in Grant and what would happen if Willernie had an emergency at the same time. Ken has employees that he could call, and he would be able to take care of both problems.

DeJong acknowledged Ken's experience and agreed that his knowledge is valuable to Willernie.

Baglio inquired about the equipment needed for the jobs in Willernie. Ken has equipment and tools. The Willernie truck would be used for the plowing in Willernie.

The council would like a six-month review to discuss progress and problems if there are any during the transition. Ken believes this would be a good idea for all concerned.

Soderlund moved to offer KEJ the contract for the City of Willernie. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A contract will be drawn up and reviewed by the attorney, then presented to KEJ for signature.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Siver seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer