

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2009**

PRESENT: Parent, Miller, Bohnen, Greeder, Marcellais, Attorney-Scott
McDonald, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie
Keating.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following two items were added to the August agenda. Recycling became letter C under new business and 420 Paddington was added as old business.

Miller made the motion to accept the agenda with the above additions, Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE JULY, 2009 MEETING

Bohnen moved to accept the July minutes as pre-read, Greeder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made at the August, 2009 meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Washington County Officers did not attend the August meeting.

NEW FINE LAWS FROM LMC

Scott recommended that the City do more research on the new fine law before adopting it. This item was tabled for future discussion.

RECYCLING

The recycling grant the City receives from the County has been decreased while the recycling costs have risen in the City. Due to these circumstances the Council recommends a fifty cent increase on the recycling charge per household.

Greeder moved to increase the recycling charge by fifty cents, Marcellais seconded the motion and the motion passed. This addition will be on the third quarter water billing.

APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY 2010 BUDGET

The levy was increased 6.19% for the year of 2010, the government aid from the state has not changed for the next year and the expenses for the City have been decreased as much as they can be at the present time. A 3% increase for the staff was recommended for 2010.

With the above recommendations, Marcellais moved to accept the preliminary budget, Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

INSURANCE WAIVER

The motion for the City of Willernie not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04 was made by Parent. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BEACH CLEANUP

Sally McNamara came into the office and explained that Al Conrad cleaned up the Willernie Beach and she thought it would be a nice gesture on the part of the City to thank Mr. Conrad.

Rick explained that all the weeds were pulled out with a tractor Mr. Conrad uses. A thank you for this gesture would be in order as well as one for Mrs. McNamara considering all the volunteer work she does on the Willernie Beach.

The mayor will send each person a nice thank you note next week.

ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The county has funds available for the All Hazard Mitigation Plan and they are asking cities to support the plan so the funds will remain available. Willernie passed a resolution supporting the All Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2006.

A motion to authorize the statement of interest in the All Hazard Mitigation Plan was made by Marcellais, seconded by Greeder and the motion passed.

COUNTY ROAD 12-244

The August meeting was cancelled on the County 12-244 project so there is no new information.

PETITION

The gentleman concerned about the chickens came into the office and withdrew his complaint the day after the previous Council Meeting. This gentleman has not approached Miller about his concerns on the issue.

Scott brought several printouts on the ordinances in other cities concerning chickens and suggested making a file on this subject. Scott also recommended that the City pass an ordinance outlining the restrictions on chickens and the disposal of the waste produced by the chickens.

The mayor suggested reviewing the research and producing an ordinance outlining the restrictions on the number of chickens that can be allowed without the allowance of roosters due to the noise plus adding the recommendations made by Scott.

Scott will check into some ordinances and draft up a new ordinance for the Council to review before it is adopted.

RICK REPORT

The sewers have been cleaned, the lift station has been inspected and the roads are paved in the City.

One sewer line had some concrete and roots that needed to be removed so the City line was cleared and the resident was notified about the roots in his sewer line that will cause problems in his house.

420 PADDINGTON

The state has a medical lien on 420 Paddington for Daniel Mahoney. The taxes are delinquent so eventually the house will go into tax forfeiture.

The problem with serving the owner on the house is that there isn't any other record of owners other than the deceased residents. Scott will draft up a notice to be given to the people living in the house even though they don't own it and he will contact the state and check on the lien.

If Scott cannot find out who actually holds the deed to the house a notice will need to be published in the newspaper to try and locate any relatives of the deceased residents.

A motion to authorize the mayor to sign a new document declaring the residence a hazardous building was made by Miller and seconded by Greeder. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Marcellais moved to approve the bills, Greeder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., Marcellais seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer

