

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 15, 2009**

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

ABSENT: Marcellais.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Letter F – Petition was added under new business. Miller moved to accept the agenda with the addition and Bohnen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the June meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The officer from Washington County presented the June report to the Council. It has been quiet in Willernie this summer; however, the officers are watching the empty houses and the parks to prevent any vandalism that might occur.

The mayor explained that the u-turns in front of City Hall are notorious, the speeding on Chatham and Warner Road continue to be a problem as well as the four way stop on Wildwood Road.

The officer suggested that the residents in Willernie lock their cars when they are not in them since several cars have been broken into in the Mahtomedi area. The cars that are

not locked seem to be the target. If the car is locked the intruders go to the next unlocked vehicle.

RON KIEL

Mr. Kiel has been approached by a company that would like to lease the building on Trim for a booking office and create a small studio space for practicing music. This would be a studio environment and also entail some small performances.

Mr. Kiel discussed the number of employees this business would need and the hours of operation. They would have 2 to 3 employees and groups would be coming and going from 9 to 6 p.m. through the week. These groups would be clubs and school groups that have practiced and want some live performance skills. The prospective company would like to create an environment for high school students to get a feel for performing in front of a live audience.

They believe it would add some value to the community and the students could be involved plus the loading dock would be an appealing asset to this company.

The sound would need to be contained in the building and if there were complaints from the neighbors then there would be problems for this company. As long as the building is sound proofed and there are no complaints from the neighbors the Council has no objections to this concept.

NEW FINE LAWS FROM LMC

The sheriff met with the Mayor and Clerk during the week to explain the statute that allows the cities to receive part of the fines that are issued to drivers. The tickets do not affect the driving record or the insurance of the driver receiving the citation. Added to this the cities need an uninformed party if someone decided to protest the citation.

The sheriff is meeting with adjoining communities to discuss the possibility of the cities taking over this responsibility.

Scott will review the information and report back to the Council.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

A motion to approve the following business licenses with the stipulation that the fire marshal approves the businesses was made by Bohnen and seconded by Greeder. The motion passed.

1. T.J.T-Shirts
2. Gordy's Steakhouse
3. Brother's, Burgers and Beer
4. Unwind Therapeutic Massage
5. Creating Wellness Chiropractic
6. Frigaard's
7. Bellow Automotive
8. Breault Barbers
9. Mark Ashby
10. Domino's Pizza
11. Paragon Pools
12. O'Leary's Hideaway
13. Earl of Sandwiches
14. Moldcraft
15. Roman Market
16. Skyline Cleaners
17. Wildwood Wine and Spirits
18. Lakeside Floral
19. Lola's

AUDIT DISTRIBUTION

Completed copies of the 2008 City Audit were distributed to the Council for their review.

PETITION

Greeder presented a petition to the Council from her neighbors. Mayor Parent read the petition asking for an ordinance prohibiting farm animals in Willernie.

The current animal ordinance in Willernie does not address chickens, ducks, geese, cows, horses, goats, sheep, etc. The neighbors feel that farm animals are not acceptable on the small lots in the City of Willernie.

The person who sent in the petition was not comfortable attending the Council meeting so two other neighbors attended and tried to answer questions as they arose. The mayor felt the petitioner should have attended the meeting to explain his position on the issue.

The second question on the petition was about unlicensed vehicles in the City and it questioned the vehicles at 210 Kindross. The mayor checks on unlicensed cars in the City and reported as many as there were in the spring. These people have thirty days to obtain the tabs for the vehicles before a citation is written.

The resident's present wanted clarification on the farm animal issue and on the chickens that are in question. Miller explained that he has four chickens that produce eggs for his family.

The question is whether or not Miller's chickens fall into the ordinance as it stands and if not is the City going to adopt an ordinance preventing farm animals in Willernie.

This issue was tabled until the August meeting. The ordinances in surrounding cities will be researched and a decision will be made at a future Council meeting.

COUNTY ROAD 12-244

The meeting was cancelled so there is no report on county 12 and 244 this month.

WATER CONTRACT

There is no news on the water contract.

420 PADDINGTON

Scott presented an order to serve on 420 Paddington or post on the door of the property. The mayor read the hazardous property order and asked for a motion on this project.

A motion to approve the order was made by Bohnen seconded by Greeder and the motion passed.

RICK REPORT

The sewer men are coming next week and Schifsky's will be in the City in next 2 weeks.

There has been less destruction in the parks this summer and less clean up in the area.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. and Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer