

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Bohnen made the motion to accept the agenda as presented, Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the November meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The law enforcement officers did not attend the November meeting.

TIM JAWOR

Mr. Jawor introduced himself as the owner of White Horse Development on Stillwater Road. He explained that due to the economy the town houses have been for sale for over two years and he cannot afford to let them continue to sit empty. Mr. Jawor explained that he is going to finish the units and rent them with a lease offering renters the units as rent to own property.

Parent asked about the covenants stating that the units could not be purchased as rental units. There is a clause in the covenants; however, if the units were owned by the bank the covenants could be changed.

The covenants now state that Jawor could not sell them to an investor to rent but if someone else bought them they could rent them out.

Mr. Jawor promises that he will not knowingly sell them to investors as rental units. There will be no advertising as rental units and background checks will be run on potential renters. They are also going to implement a policy to encourage timely rental payments and offer a discount after so many months if payments are made timely. The renters could possibly receive a \$350 check after a year if they meet the rental requirements.

The Council has no problem with the rental units as described by Mr. Jawor, however, Miller requested that Scott review the lease agreement Mr. Jawor has in place before anyone signs it. Mr. Jawor will bring a copy of the lease and covenants into the City office on Thursday, November 19th for review.

The next issue that Mr. Jawor brought up was the trash containers used by the owners of the town houses. At the present time there are only three occupants but they are required to place the containers on Stillwater Road. Mr. Jawor feels this is dangerous and the containers will be hit if there are nine of them in the road. He has called Waste Management with no success.

Vickie will call Waste Management and talk to the contact for the City concerning this issue.

The last question Mr. Jawor asked was about the sewer charge on the building. He feels that he should not be required to pay nine sac charges since there was already a hook up at the building before it was taken down. The Metropolitan Council informed Mr. Jawor if the clerk sent them a letter explaining that there was a connection before the demolition then they will wave one sac charge.

A motion to authorize the clerk to send a letter to the Metropolitan Council to allow Mr. Jawor to pay for eight sewer connections instead of nine was made by Miller. Greeder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

DERRICK BAKEWELL

Mr. Bakewell helps people that have difficulty obtaining loans and he is asking the City for a pawnbroker's license that would allow him to run a business of loaning people

funds in the City. Mr. Bakewell is currently operating out of his apartment and uses Bremer Bank for the funds.

Mr. Bakewell is a resident of Woodbury; however, he will rent an apartment in Willernie to conduct business.

The Council asked Mr. Bakewell why he did not apply for a license in Woodbury since he is a resident of that City. He explained that he would need \$5,000 for a pawnbroker's license in Woodbury so he researched small cities on the internet and decided that Willernie would be a nice city to operate his business.

The Mayor explained that the City does not allow running a business out of a residence so there cannot be a license issued to Mr. Bakewell for that project.

The Council was not comfortable with the idea of issuing a license to someone that was not a resident of Willernie, will not disclose the name of a partner and has not rented office space for the business.

MARLYCE LEE –LIBRARIAN RETIREMENT

Mayor Parent explained that there will be a party from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Wildwood Library and an open house at 4:00 p.m. for Marlyce. The Mayor would like to issue a resolution thanking Marlyce for her dedication to the residents and for her years of service that the Mayor will then present on Saturday at the open house.

Mahtomedi thanked Marlyce at their Tuesday night meeting since they are televised, so the residents of Mahtomedi will know about the open house on Saturday.

A motion to issue the resolution to thank Marlyce Lee and declare November 21, 2009 as Marlyce Lee Day was made by Miller. Greeder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

420 PADDINGTON

Scott called the former tenant of 420 Paddington; however, she was not willing to discuss any issues with him concerning the ownership of the house. The only other option is to publish the order for repair to see if anyone comes forward as the owner. This will be published four weeks in the White Bear Press. After the publication, if there is no response the court will allow the repair to the house.

A motion to publish the repair on a hazardous building was made by Miller and seconded by Greeder. The motion passed.

INJUNCTION

The injunction to discontinue work on the Hanger Room was changed to allow the building inspector into the building to check the work that has been done to date. They have twenty days to respond to the injunction and at this time there has been no response to the paperwork.

RICK REPORT

The hydrants were flushed this week and the one that was hit is broken below the ground. An estimate to fix the broken hydrant is \$550. There are three that need to be replaced in the City, however, they are working and will be redone at a later date. The broken one will be fixed and then winterized.

The sander on the truck is fixed and ready for the snow.

The leaves will be picked up next week and then the leaf vac will be stored for the winter.

The increase to have water turned back on after it has been shut off to \$50.00 and to allow the Council to change this amount in the future plus a resolution to amend the Code to go into effect January 1, 2010 needs to be published in the White Bear Press.

A motion to approve the resolution to change the amount of the fee to turn the water back on after it has been shut off and to allow the Council to change this amount from time to time in the future was made by Greeder. Marcellais seconded the motion and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Greeder moved to approve the bills. Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Marcellais seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer