

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2011**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES OF THE MARCH, 2011 MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two residents were present to question the vehicles blocking the view at 220 Kindross near the stop sign. The vehicles are not licensed and in a dangerous spot, the residents would like the City to investigate the situation.

The Mayor will drive by the house tomorrow and check out the tabs on the vehicles. The Mayor then explained that the owners will receive a letter and have 30 days to purchase the tabs or move the trucks before a ticket is issued.

Another resident was present asking about the amount of junk in the yards in Willernie. Again the Mayor explained that she and Rick ride through the City, make up a list of problems and articles that need to be removed, then the residents are sent a letter with a copy of the ordinance and have 30 days to correct the problem before a fine can be issued.

The other houses the residents are concerned about are on Paddington. There is a white house for sale, one on each side of this house that needs attention and the yellow one that needs work and is looking bad. The one that is partially done will be completed before the end of the summer. The owner called in to reassure the City that the yard will be planted and the house will be painted before summer's end. The empty white house is

for sale, 404 Paddington is also empty, however, there are legal issues with this house and the City cannot proceed with any fines at this time.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

No officers were present at the April meeting.

CINDY WILSON 3RD DOG

The Wilson's were unable to attend the meeting so the Mayor explained that the Wilson's presently have two dogs, and their son recently purchased a puppy so they are requesting permission from the City to keep the third dog.

The ordinance states that if a resident acquires a third dog, permission must be granted from the City to house the third dog.

A motion to approve the third dog, as long as the large dogs are confined, was made by Miller. Marcellais seconded the motion and the motion passed.

412 PADDINGTON UPDATE

There are three dogs running loose that belong to the owner of 412 Paddington. Animal Control will be notified about the dogs and tickets will be issued if the dogs are loose.

No violations have been listed by the state for this residence. At the present time the resident is current on the taxes and utilities.

NO SMOKING ORDINANCE IN PARKS

The Mayor suggested passing a no smoking ordinance in the parks to discourage the juveniles that gather in the park to smoke and cause other problems. This ordinance would allow the police to give tickets to the juveniles for breaking a City ordinance which would encourage them to move to a different area.

Bohnen felt this ordinance would be difficult to enforce and it would be unfair to the residents that follow the rules.

Scott explained that the state law does not prohibit smoking in parks. Rochester does have a smoking ban in the parks; Duluth is considering passing an ordinance banning smoking in the parks but has not done so at the present time. There are also some ordinances that require the smoker to be at least 100 feet from any child while smoking to protect the children from second hand smoke.

The passing of such ordinance is up to the Council and any stipulations the Council would like to require can be incorporated into the ordinance.

Miller feels like the majority of the City should be in agreement before a smoking ban is passed on the park, plus the enforcement of this ordinance will be difficult.

A motion to pass the smoking ban in the park was made by Parent, Greeder seconded the motion, however, the motion did not pass.

NO PARKING SIGNS IN THE PARKS

Parent would like Rick to put no parking signs in Milnar park so the drivers will use the parking lot available at the park. The vehicles are being parked on the grass and various places that cause damage to the park grounds.

Parent would also like the parks to close at dusk. Many parks have the dawn to dusk hours and Willernie would like to adopt this rule.

Rick will check on the light in the parking lot at the park and put up the no parking signs.

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE POSSESSION, SALE AND COMSUMPTIO OF TABACCO

The county sent a model ordinance that is in place and wanted the cities to know what the county is doing to keep tobacco use down among under age juveniles.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT – MAHTOMEDI

Scott will check on the status of the joint-powers agreement with Mahtomedi. It still needs to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

RICK REPORT

The Mayor opened the truck bids that were received on the 2001 truck. The highest bid was for \$7,789 from Mike Schmidt.

A motion to accept the highest bid from Mike Schmidt, who will pay with a certified check or cash, was made by Miller. The motion was seconded by Greeder and Bohnen. The motion passed.

Rick presented Schifsky's bid of \$25, 274.00 for Kimberly to Faversham.

A motion to accept the bid from Schifsky's was made by Bohnen. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Rick has been filling pot holes, swept the town, put in the pole at the lift-station and had the leaf-vac out once to pick up leaves.

Hopefully, the hydrant and the sewer line that needs to be repaired can be addressed in the next few months.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Greeder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer

