

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2011**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Under new business letter D was added as City Road on Private Property. With this addition Miller made the motion to approve the agenda, Greeder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

Bohnen moved to accept the minutes of the April meeting as pre-read, Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The law enforcement officers did not attend the May meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the May meeting.

412 PADDINGTON UPDATE

Scott reviewed the City Ordinances and explained that the water can be shut off on this residence 30 days after the due date which would be June 6, 2011.

PAT SODERBERG

Pat Soderberg attended the meeting to discuss a no smoking ban in the parks. She was interested in the Council's thoughts on this ordinance.

Bohnen explained that he would like at least 100 people requesting the ordinance against smoking in the parks before considering a change to the ordinance plus he feels that the ordinance would be difficult to enforce.

Soderberg made a presentation about second hand smoke and the danger involved in this smoke. She feels people do have the right to be protected from tobacco smoke, and requests the right to be healthy.

Gemma Barry, another resident in attendance, explained that she did not think too much about the smoking in the parks until last summer. Several juveniles were smoking in the park and even though Gemma and her grandchildren moved the smoke blew into there area making her sick. Other small children have commented on the nasty smoke in the parks when the older children are in the park.

Bohnen does not think the police can enforce no smoking in the parks because you can walk out into the street and smoke, throw cigarette butts in the street and there are no laws against this. He has lived here for thirty years and smoking in the parks has not been a problem. He explained that there are only a few juveniles violating the smoking laws, and the police should issue tickets to these juveniles.

Soderberg asked about a petition from citizens in the City asking for a no smoking ban in the parks.

The Council explained that more voices need to be heard if the ordinance is going to be changed. Miller suggested that if Soderberg could bring evidence that the ban would make a difference and enforcement is possible then the Council would readdress the issue.

Barry also asked about some black paint for the picnic tables so that the vulgar sayings on the tables will not show through the paint. Rick explained that the black paint would make the tables too hot and could cause some burns if the children were not paying attention.

Rick will supply paint for Gemma for the tables after talking to the paint experts at the hardware store.

CITY ROAD ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – KERRY

The curve on Lot 11, Block 15 was paved over twelve years ago to be used as a road. This piece of property is not big enough to build on and it is going into tax forfeiture.

The Mayor asked the Council and Scott if there were any legal issues with the City purchasing this property. Scott explained that it becomes a public road if it has been used for six years or more by the City. He suggested contacting the county to inquire about purchasing the property.

RICK REPORT

The sewer lines in the City are being cleaned on Monday or Tuesday, the electric problems have been fixed on the lift station and the leaf vac is done for the spring.

Stewart will be repaved so the residents on Stewart can have their driveways paved at a lower price if they are interested while Schifsky's are in the City.

The wood chips have been spread around the swings at the beach; however, the dock will not be installed this year due to the low water.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., Greeder seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer