

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2012**

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

ABSENT: Clerk-Vickie Keating

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MN Dot /Highway 36 and Hilton Trail was added under new business to the Agenda. After the above addition was made, Miller moved to accept the agenda, Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH, 2012 MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Lee from Clyde Place addressed the issue of the no parking signs on Clyde. There is only one car parked on Clyde and they have not had any problems with the parking until there was a disagreement with the neighbor. They feel that the altercation with the neighbor caused the installation of the no parking signs.

The mayor explained that these residents have four possible parking places. There is a two car garage with two other parking places; however, the driveway needs to be cleared out so the cars can be parked in this area. The truck should be parked sideways so that it won't stick out into the street.

Clyde is narrower than most of the streets in the City and there has been a number of complaints by the police, trash company, UPS and emergency vehicles concerning the parking on this street. It has become a safety issue in the City and that is the reason for the no parking signs.

The residents on Clyde feel that the no parking is an issue because they have had problems with the neighbor and this gentleman feels like the neighbor has problems with him due to his race. The Council does not get involved with the civil issues between neighbors.

The mayor appreciates the concern of the residents; however, the City placed the no parking signs on Clyde simply to provide safety for the vehicles that need to drive on that street.

The resident on Clyde would like to know if there is any paperwork substantiating the civil issue. The mayor explained that the minutes contained the information concerning the parking on Clyde.

The owner of the property wanted to know about the permit for the fence that was installed on the property line. The City issues a permit to install a fence on the property line, and then the residents are liable for the survey and installation of the fence on the correct property line.

ARNDT VARIANCE

The Council meeting was suspended at 8:15 p.m. to have the Arndt variance hearing.

The Arndt's live at 104 Stewart, where they installed a fence without a building permit and the fence is closer than 10 feet from the street which requires a variance.

The neighbor's the Mayor talked to, have no objection to the fence. In fact they think the new fence looks much better than the old one.

Mr. & Mrs. Arndt apologized for installing the fence without a permit. They did not realize that a permit was needed. They were removing some brush and discouraging walkers from coming into their yard from the bars in the early morning hours. The fence is 5 or 6 feet from the road instead of the required 10.

Since there was no permit for the fence it was suggested that the building permit be doubled. The original fee for the fence permit would have been \$25.00 so the price of the permit is now \$50.00.

The variance hearing closed and the main meeting resumed.

Due to the fact that the neighbors do not object to the new fence, the maintenance superintendent does not have a problem plowing with the new fence and this new fence replaced an existing one with the permit fee of \$50.00 Miller moved to approve the variance. Bohlen seconded the motion and the variance passed.

DAVE FRIGAARD

Mr. Frigaard is happy to be a business owner in Willernie and he would like the Council to know he has installed video cameras, changed his hours to 1:00 a.m. and turned the music off earlier than required.

Due to all the improvements Mr. Frigaard wants to avoid any phone calls after the meetings where residents have complained about noise or problems in his bar. Mr. Frigaard feels that the problems arise because he has asked some customers to leave and not return to the bar.

Also Mr. Frigaard would like the residents to know that he is not the only bar in the area making noise. He wants to protect his name and cooperate with the City any way possible.

MN DOT

MN Dot requested Bohlen to present the maps on the new construction that will begin in late May or early June at the intersection of Highway 36 and Hilton Trail.

The maps will be held in the files at the City office.

RENTAL LICENSE

The Mayor reviewed the number of rental houses with the clerk and was surprised at the number of rentals in the City.

The rental license will require the tenants that are performing illegal acts in the house to be evicted. The license is going to protect the landlord so the police do not need to be called on a regular basis.

Jack explained that the houses should have a compliance check on the overall safety of the structure and overall condition of the property. Jack will submit a list of things that should be inspected by the rental agent for the May meeting.

The price for inspection of these properties is usually \$75.00 for a single family residence. Larger structures would be priced at a higher rate.

Scott presented a revision and asked the Council to review it and the check list from Jack for the May meeting.

NOISE ORDINANCE

The Mayor was looking at the noise ordinance on the web site and couldn't find anything other than the car noises.

Scott explained that there is a state noise ordinance that adopts all noises and he is going to bring it to the next Council meeting for review.

LOT DISPUTE

Bohnen explained that John Schifsky is the owner of the property in question. In 1986 the road was vacated by the City and the utility easement was put into place. No permanent structures can be built on this easement. There is a shed on the easement but it is on blocks and can be moved at any time. The only solution to the problem is to have the lots surveyed and that is up to the owners.

As long as the driveway is not an issue, and the owners can agree on the lines there is not a problem. If the neighbors cannot agree on the driveway, they will need to have the property surveyed.

RICK REPORT

The sewer men were in town this week and will be done on Thursday, the leaf vac will be out one more time this spring and the parks will be mowed next week as long as the weather permits.

The Mayor has been asking for volunteers to clean up the creek and will continue to search for helpers. She is also encouraging citizens to adopt fire hydrants in their areas.

The dock is not going in again this year due to the low water. The condition of the dock is good even though it has been setting for two years.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Biaglo seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer