

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2012**

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

ABSENT: Scott McDonald.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda as accepted was made by Miller, seconded by Bohnen and Greeder. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY, 2012 MINTUES

Bohnen moved to accept the February, 2012 minutes as pre-read, Greeder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Hinrichs was present at the March meeting to inform the Council of the problem with vehicles parked on Clyde Road. He is concerned with the accessibility of the emergency vehicles and the inability of these vehicles to gain access to Clyde Road.

The ambulance was not able to get through Clyde and the Lake Area Bus cannot get through this street.

Mr. Hinrichs has called the sheriff many times on the cars parked on the street but the sheriff cannot do anything about it unless a no parking sign is installed in the City.

The Council asked if the houses owning the vehicles had off street parking for these particular vehicles and they were assured the residents had alternative parking. The other question was whether or not the no parking signs on Clyde would cause a hardship on the residents of this street.

After much discussion the Mayor moved to install no parking signs on both sides of Clyde Road, Miller and Baglio seconded the motion. The motion was passed and no parking signs will be installed in the next two weeks.

Sue and Bob Reis along with Karen Brown are concerned about the dumping noises coming from Frigaard's. They also are unhappy about the parking in front of the post office and would like the officers to enforce the one hour parking on Wildwood Road.

The parking on Sargent is crowded and these residents would like to make this a one way street, however, the Council explained that has been discussed and cannot be done at the present time.

There are two rental houses on Trim causing problems for the neighbors and the residents would like to have some assurance that the City is screening renters.

The dogs and cats running loose in the City is another problem for the residents and the Mayor explained that there is a leash law in the City so if the cats are not farrow cats they should be on a leash at all times.

The residents are upset with the sheriff's office not issuing tickets to the offenders when reported by the residents. They would like to know if they are to continue calling the sheriff's office to report the disturbances or if they should report it to the City.

The Mayor explained that the sheriff's office has asked the Council to encourage the residents to call in the disturbances because a log is kept on the calls and the officer's do try to take care of the problems in a timely manner.

OLIVE JOE'S LIQUOR LICENSE

Joe Bostany, the owner of Olive Joe's Restaurant would like to apply for a strong beer and wine liquor license.

Miller moved to approve Olive Joe's liquor license for strong beer and wine as long as he meets all the criteria required by the state and the sheriff's office. Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

Mary Planten-Krell introduced herself to the Council as the representative for the Youth Service Bureau of Washington County. She explained that this is a non-profit organization helping youth that might be headed in the wrong direction and with the help of their organization these youth are guided in the right direction.

This is not a new organization, it has been around for 40 or 50 years and they are approaching Cities to help defray the costs they incur for the year of 2013. They are asking for \$150 from the City of Willernie if it is possible in the next calendar year.

The mayor explained that the budget meeting is in August and the City will try to add this as part of the 2013 budget.

STORM WATER PLAN

Mayor Parent explained that each year the Council has a hearing to answer any questions regarding pollution control. The hearing is held during the March City Council Meeting and any resident with questions is encouraged to ask them at this time.

It was also explained that the run off from pet waste in the yards needs to be avoided and residents should remove pet waste before it disintegrates and washes into the lake.

Low phosphorus fertilizers should be used and fertilizer needs to soak into the ground and not run off the property.

All this information will be put in the Mayor's newsletter so that the residents will be aware of the run off problems.

NO PARKING ON SARGENT

This was discussed during the public comments.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF UNCHANGED PRECINCTS

A resolution to re-establish the precincts of the City of Willernie was presented to the City Council for approval. Parent moved to re-establish the boundaries in the City of Willernie, Greeder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

RENTAL LICENSE

Scott sent a revision to the rental license for the Council's review which will be discussed at the April Council meeting.

RICK REPORT

Rick explained that Julia Reil called and asked him to come and listen to her water meter because it makes a loud squeaking noise. The meter wouldn't squeak when Rick was at the residence and he didn't know if he could replace the meter since it still works. Rick is asking the Council what they would like him to do about this meter.

The Council would like Rick to check on the meter again and try to see if he can determine the cause of the squeak and if it can be fixed or not.

There is another meter at Andy Plaster's house that has an outside meter that is not working but the inside meter is working. The Council asked that Mr. Plaster receive a card to read the inside meter since the meter is not broken, it cannot be replaced.

The leaf vac is up and running but if the residents put rocks in the leaves the bed will need to be fixed again. The impeller was also damaged due to the rocks in the piles of leaves last fall. Rick will probably be out to pick up leaves next week if the weather continues to be warm and dry.

The town has been swept and the patching will start in a week or two.

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 9:05 p.m. Miller, Baglio and Greeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer