

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2013**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES OF JULY MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the August meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The officers are watching the illegal u-turns on Wildwood Road, however, they; have not been able to ticket any of the drivers as of this date.

The officers suggested warning Willernie residents about leaving valuables in their cars since several cars have been broken into during the summer months. Residents should not keep any electronics, cash, keys or anything of value in the vehicles. The residents should also keep the shades in their houses shut and valuables should not be visible from the windows. These thieves are watching the houses and looking for the valuables that are visible.

The officers will continue to watch the four way stops and u-turns in the following months.

PETER FISCHER

Peter Fischer introduced himself to the Council as the State Representative serving his first term in office. Mr. Fisher explained that he has been helping to balance the state budget and is co author of the bill to give the sales tax back to the cities.

He is also working on property tax relief, home owner's tax and the water issues in White Bear Lake. Mr. Fischer explained the process that is being developed to help preserve the water in White Bear Lake and the new DNR rules and regulations concerning the allocations of the water from the lake.

Mr. Fischer asked the Council if there were any questions or concerns for the City at the present time. The Council would like information on grants to help with the repairs the City is facing in the near future.

Miller will send a list of the projects that need attention to Mr. Fischer so he can help with the forms and contacts needed to apply for the grants.

APPROVAL OF THE 2014 BUDGET

A motion to approve the 2014 Budget, with a 4% increase in the levy and a 3.5% salary increase was made by Baglio. Greeder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A motion to ask the auditor to zero out the water deficit was made by Miller, seconded by Baglio and the motion passed.

JENSEN PROPERTY

The Council examined the lots on the map owned by the Jensens, however, they will need a site plan, survey and an explanation of the proposed building on this property before it can be approved.

FREEDOM OIL

Erickson oil has offered a percentage decrease on the gas for the City and other businesses, so a motion was made to approve the application for this deduction by Parent. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

LIFE INSURANCE

PERA offers employees of cities an opportunity to purchase additional life insurance with Council approval.

Parent moved to approve the life insurance program if the employees apply, Miller and Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CHRIS BELLO LETTER

Parent read the letters from Joel Erickson to the Council concerning the problems with Abe Baker, Chris Bello's renter.

Scott checked the list of convictions on Mr. Baker and discovered he has a few convictions on his record and he is clearly in violation of the rental agreement that has been signed.

A motion to authorize Scott to draft and send the letter to Chris Bello and Mr. Baker was made by Parent. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POLICE CONTRACT

The new police contract including Birchwood was reviewed by Scott and it is ready for signatures.

A motion to approve Birchwood as a part of the consortium on the police contract was made by Miller. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A motion to approve the new police contract including Birchwood in the consortium was made by Baglio, seconded by Greeder and Bohnen. The motion passed.

STORAGE BUILDING ORDINANCE

This was tabled until the September meeting.

RENTAL LICENSE UPDATE

There is only one landlord that has not submitted the paperwork for the rental license in the City. Eric Long, owner of 218 Kindross has not complied with the ordinance even though the clerk has talked to him and sent the application twice. Scott will send him a letter from the law office before the next meeting and hopefully he will respond to that correspondence.

Mats Ludwig has several violations that Jack Kramer, the building inspector, has explained to him. These violations need to be addressed and repaired as requested by the City. Mr. Ludwig has refused to correspond with the building inspector on these issues as of this date.

The other issue is the non-payment of the water billings to the rental properties Mr. Ludwig owns.

Scott will send a letter to Mr. Ludwig addressing the issues and explaining the legal action that will take place if Mr. Ludwig chooses to ignore the City ordinances.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Parent thanked Miller for the work he did on the golf tournament along with Baglio and Bohnen.

There were 32 raffle items donated by the local businesses that the players seemed to enjoy. There were a total of 41 golfers and the City earned \$1,385.00. Hopefully, next year the amount will increase as it becomes an annual event. Next year the tournament will be on August 9th.

GRANTS

Miller will continue to look for grants the City can apply for during the next few months.

RICK REPORT

There was a water main break on Stillwater Road last month where the T needed repair; apparently the bolts had rusted off and needed to be replaced. The catch basin is done and the culvert on Kindross is partly done. It will be completed this week.

There was an issue at the lift station with the alternator and it will be repaired as soon as the parts arrive. Also the inspection of the sewer will be completed in the next two days.

TRASH CONTRACT

Scott discussed the trash contract with Jennefer and she agreed to the changes he requested on said contract.

Parent moved to accept the new contract with Advanced Disposal, Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer

