

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2014**

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

ABSENT: Greeder

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Miller moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Mayor Letter under Old Business. Bohnen seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY, 2014 MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no residents present with public comments at the March meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Washington County Officers did not attend the March meeting.

BEV FRIENDT

As the Willernie Cable Commission Representative Bev Friendt attended the meeting to explain the funds available to cities recording meetings through July. Bev encouraged the council members to discuss the advantages of meetings on camera with Birchwood and White Bear Township to get feedback from these cities before making a decision about Willernie.

The mayor thanked Bev for her years of service on the commission and for all the good work she has done for the City of Willernie.

MOLD CRAFT

Tim Bartz and Justen McPhee, owners of Mold Craft, attended the meeting to explain that Mold Craft will be celebrating 50 years of business in August. They showed a slide presentation on the designing and building of plastic injection molds they have been making since 1964. Mold Craft currently employs 42 people and is hiring at the present time.

On August 1, 2014 Mold Craft will celebrate 50 years of business. They are planning on catering food from Roman Market, having beer and a band. Also tours will be available during the open house from 4 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. They are planning on blocking some rooms at a local hotel and arranging transportation to the hotel for the employees. Both Mahtomedi and Willernie are invited to the event.

The mayor congratulated both gentlemen on the success of Mold Craft and suggested contacting White Bear Magazine to let the public know about the upcoming event. The Council also suggested contacting the county commissioner and inviting him to the party.

Miller moved to approve the event as long as Mold Craft informs Roman Market about the use of their liquor license, contacts Washington County Sheriff's Office, informs the neighbors of the event and noise that will take place and sealing off an area for the alcohol. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NICK MILLER

Nick Miller, owner of the Hanger Room, attended the meeting to request a new liquor license and business license for his facility. The new restaurant is going to be scaled down, with a different name but the bar is going to stay along with the alcohol.

He will be opening as soon as all the licenses can be approved and asked if there was anything else required by the city.

The Council requested an inspection by Jack Kramer, building inspector, the final inspection and approval by the health department and the SAC determination by the Metropolitan Council before the licenses will be issued.

Baglio moved to approve the liquor and business licenses for Nick Miller as long as he meets the above requirements for the City of Willernie. Miller and Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

STORM WATER PLAN

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present that had questions or concerns about the Storm Water Plan in the City of Willernie.

There were no questions or concerns about the Storm Water Plan so the City will continue to run the plan as it has been done in previous years.

RENTAL LICENSE

Eric Long has not filled out the forms for the rental license on his house, however, the house is empty and he cannot rent it without the license.

The City will wait until the house is rented or sold before proceeding with any further paper work.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The second annual Willernie Golf Tournament will be on August 9th at Applewood Golf Course. Miller is working on a letter for the businesses that will be mailed in April or May.

GRANTS

Miller handed out information on grants that explained how they work and the conditions that need to be met in order to qualify for the grants.

Willernie needs to contact the grant organization on the papers and plan to meet with some contractors that will submit a plan for an energy efficient building to the grant committee.

Miller will follow up on the grants and report back to the Council in April.

MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

The mayor asked the Council about suggestions or information that needs to be in the newsletter.

The suggestions for the mayor were the information on the Storm Water Plan, the leaf vac, golf tournament, and the resident's needs to move the trash containers out of the street in between pick up days so the plow can get down the roads.

RICK REPORT

Rick explained that the pot holes aren't too bad yet but when the melting is complete they will be popping up. The hot mix is ready and as soon as things dry up, Rick will patch the holes.

Rick is planning on resurfacing Penway and Chatham this year. Storm drains are working properly at this time, however, one was patched and could possibly need some repair in the future.

Scott also informed the council that he received notice on a class action suit that could lead to some sort of a settlement for Willernie. Scott will follow up on this action and keep the Council informed about the outcome.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Parent moved to approve the bills, Bohnen seconded the motion and the bills were approved.

ADJOURMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer