

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2015**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Miller moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Water Bills and Ordinance 100 under new business. Bohnen seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Baglio moved to approve the September minutes as pre-read, Warren seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joli McCollum introduced herself as a resident of Willernie with some concerns about the Willernie ordinances.

She asked about pot belly pigs and if they were allowed in the City since a resident currently owns two pigs. She would also like to know if 210 Kindross is going to be repaired and cleaned up.

The resident of 210 Kindross explained that he has received a grant to re-roof his house and a dumpster is coming to clean up the yard. He is just waiting on the delivery of the dumpster and confirmation on the roofing project.

The other concern of Joli was the Fed X truck parked on the street and the danger in passing through the street with the delivery trucks and the Fed X truck.

The mayor explained that the businesses request the deliveries by the large trucks to be made at times when the traffic is at a minimum, however, this is not always possible and due to the space in Willernie, the beer and food trucks are always a problem.

The Council assured Mrs. McCollum that the issues will be addressed and taken care of so that Willernie is a clean area to live in.

The Council suggested that neighbors with issues concerning neighboring properties should contact the property owner as a first step in resolving the issue to maintain good relationships with their neighbors.

JOE KIEL

Joe Kiel attended the Council Meeting to discuss the future of 108 Trim. This house was a rental unit that was destroyed by the renters. They vandalized the building after moving out so Joe and his brother are considering tearing the house down and putting in a parking lot.

The mayor asked Joe if he would allow public parking after the business is closed for the day. Joe would not be opposed to allowing the use of the parking lot if car owners do not leave trash, beer bottles, etc. for him to clean up. He does not want to be responsible for abandoned cars sitting in the lot. At this point Joe is not certain how the public parking will be handled.

The Council has no problem with a parking lot if that is what Joe decides to do with the lot after removing the house.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The mayor read the letter from Hillcrest Animal Hospital concerning the fees charged by the city for impounded animals. Hillcrest informed Willernie about the costs associated with the animals and asked if the City would like to increase the City rate for the animals.

After reviewing the costs associated with the impounded animals Baglio moved to leave the fee as is, Warren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

WATER BILL

The mayor explained that she was contacted concerning the meeting of the candidates for mayor in Mahtomedi due to the things that were said about the City of Willernie.

Mayor Marshall painted Willernie as an impoverished area that is hard to work with on projects. Mayor Marshall explained that Willernie needs help to pay for new water meters plus a project on Stillwater Road is being considered, however, Willernie will not cooperate.

Mayor Parent contacted Mayor Marshall and explained that Willernie is a well-run City that operates in the black. She also explained that Willernie did not know anything about the project on Stillwater Road and did not ask Mahtomedi to help pay for new water meters in the City of Willernie. Mayor Marshall apologized and said he would address the issues concerning the credit due to Willernie.

Mayor Parent also explained that Willernie has read the meters as requested, furnished the water cards and done everything that Mahtomedi has requested, however, nothing has been addressed as requested by Willernie.

Scott will draft a letter to be distributed to the Mahtomedi City Council concerning the credit due to Willernie and have it ready for Council approval at the November meeting.

ORDINANCE 100

Bohnen explained that a house on Warner is putting in a new basement close to the border of the property. The owner checked with Mahtomedi, Rice Creek Water Shed and the building inspector before the permit was approved. This house was annexed from Mahtomedi to Willernie many years ago and is not listed in Ordinance 100.

In order to avoid any confusion in the future the Council wants to revisit Ordinance 100 and make sure every house on the creek is listed in the ordinance so whenever anyone on these lots requests a building permit, there will not be a question about being in Ordinance 100.

CHICKEN ORDINANCE

Miller has a proposal for a potential chicken ordinance that was given to the clerk to be typed and distributed to the Council for review before the next meeting.

The mayor explained that the houses are close together in Willernie and if her neighbor had chickens they would be outside her family room window. She suggested that the Council talk to the neighbors and get a feel for the chicken ordinance before it is voted on in November.

Baglio agreed that allowing chickens in Willernie will cause friction between neighbors. Miller would like the Council to review the proposed ordinance before making a decision.

412 and 420 PADDINGTON

Mr. Tachney, the owner of 420 Paddington, called the City office and is planning on removing the house in the near future. He is going to check the house for vagrants and will send the Demolition Permit to City Hall next week.

412 Paddington has been sold, however, no one has contacted the City Office concerning this house and what will be required to bring it up to code. The Council wants to make sure the house is brought up to standard before anyone moves into it.

GRANTS

Miller has a rescheduled a meeting with Matt Deans and one with Representative Fischer to discuss available Grants.

RICK REPORT

The old truck broke down and Polar charged \$450 before doing any work on it so Rick had it towed to a mechanic that does not need to pull the motor out to repair it.

The dock was taken out today, the tree in the park was removed along with the stump to prepare the ground for a new tree.

The mayor mentioned the free library that was installed on her property and encourages Willernie residents to use it.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer