

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2016**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Miller moved to accept the agenda as presented, Bohnen seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2016 MEETING

Bohnen moved to accept the March minutes as pre-read, Miller seconded the motion and the March minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - CINDY VADNAIS 307 SARGENT

Cindy Vadnais has a problem with the parking on Sargent and requests no parking signs be placed on this street. Washington County issued citations to everyone parked on the Sargent slope during the last month.

Rick explained that most cities have curbs but Willernie does not so this makes the parking confusing. Scott suggested two signs in the area that say no parking between the signs, and educating the police to the parking situation to solve the problem.

Warren will contact the sheriff's office and explain the problem on Sargent.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Officer Mark Rindfleisch introduced himself to the Council and residents in attendance at the April Council meeting. He has been in training for eight weeks to educate the residents in Washington County on the operations of a police officer. Another training will be available in the fall and he will notify Willernie when this will take place. It is a good opportunity for citizens to learn about police procedures.

Officer Rindfleisch apologized for not attending the meetings in the past but schedules are difficult to balance. Warren explained that he e-mailed the Sargent about the speeding issues on Chatham, Wildwood and Warner.

Officer Marquardt then explained that seven citations have been issued on Chatham, Stillwater and Wildwood Road. No u turn tickets have been issued as of this date.

Chatham and Kimberly are also dangerous areas from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and later in the afternoon so the officers will watch this area during those times.

The sheriff's office is open to any information that the citizens feel is important and they can call 911 if there is a problem.

BRIAN PILRAIN

Brian asked the City Council for a business license for the new business that will be opening in the former Roman Market space. It will be Wildwood Scoops. No alcohol will be served but there will be forty flavors of hard ice cream.

A motion to approve the business license for Wildwood Scoops was made by Miller, Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BRIAN ROELOFS

Brian Roelof is looking at 607 Stillwater Road as an investment property for his insurance business. The house is zoned residential and Brian would like to know the process for rezoning the house to commercial.

Brian does not know if the purchase is possible because another offer has been made on the house but he is interested in the process of rezoning in case this is a possibility.

The attorney explained there would be a public hearing after the rezoning application is filled out and processed. Then the rezoning would be incorporated in the Comp Plan and all the requirements for changing this plan would be necessary through Metropolitan Council.

Brian thanked the Council and said he would keep them posted on his decision.

JOSH HAUGUE

Josh explained the location of his house on Warner Road. He also explained that he has contacted Mahtomedi, Rice Creek Watershed and Willernie concerning the easement on his property. The easement is not listed in ordinance 100 in the City.

Josh would like to build a deck on the side of the house closest to the creek and he has discussed this with the building inspector. The deck is too close to the creek and needs to be removed. This house was annexed into Willernie and that is the reason it is not listed in Ordinance 100, however, it is considered wet lands.

The Council asked Josh to remove the deck and he agreed to take it down.

Josh asked the City about the metal grates that are not on the culvert and asked if they could be replaced for safety reasons. The Council explained that the grates belong to Mahtomedi and they need to replace them.

VARIANCE HEARING FOR JAMES AND STEPHANIE DOWLING

The regular Council meeting was suspended to review the Dowling variance request.

The Dowling's are requesting a variance to place a privacy fence five feet from the road since they do not have any frontage on their property.

VARIANCE HEARING FOR BARB PARENT AND CELESTE KLEIN

Parent and Klein own the garage at 323 Milford that is on a single lot, built in the 40's. They were going to reside it but it is not in good enough shape so they would like to replace the structure with a 24 by 24 foot garage.

This structure would be 2 feet from the present footprint which means on the present footprint they are 19 feet from the road. They would like to be 20 feet back from the road so it would move the building back 3 feet. This lot is in ordinance 100 so the variance is necessary to rebuild the garage.

They have talked to the neighbor about the peak of the building and it will not change the 10 foot slope of the roof. Cinder block will be put in the back and on the duplex side to help with the drainage. The 10 feet between the duplex and the wall of the garage will stay the same and on the other side they have 10 feet.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED AT 8:45 P.M.

The variance for the Dowlings is for a 5 foot set back that leaves room for the snow plough but the frontage on their property is too close to the road to allow for the required 10 feet. There will be 25 feet from their back door to the street.

According to the maintenance superintendent there would be no hardship on the plowing due to the installation of the fence this close to the road.

A motion to approve the Dowling variance was made by Miller. The motion was seconded by Bohnen and the motion was approved.

The variance hearing for Parent and Klein for a setback from the creek to move 3 feet closer to the creek and increasing the footprint by 2 feet which would allow the variance of 3 feet closer to the creek and to change the footprint to 24 by 24 feet. No major trees or vegetation will affect the expansion on the flat land or the slope of the creek and it brings the property into compliance for the 20 foot set back from the road.

A motion to approve this variance was made by Bohnen. Miller seconded the motion and the variance passed.

ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Parent moved to approve the assessment agreement with Washington County. Warren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY AUTHORIZATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POWERS

Miller moved to approve the resolution for county authorization for economic development in the City of Willernie. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

SPEED BUMP INFORMATION

Parent and Rick discussed the possibility of installing temporary speed bumps in Willernie, however, after researching the temporary bumps this is not a viable solution for reducing the speed without disturbing the asphalt.

WATER UPDATE

Parent explained that a meeting with Mahtomedi had taken place with the presentation of a water contract that the Willernie representatives have revised. The Council reviewed the revision of the plan and made suggestions that will be presented to Mahtomedi at the next meeting.

GRANTS

Miller is still working on the grants and will keep the City posted on the progress of these applications.

RICK REPORT

The leaf vac has been out, not many leaves have been raked yet so it will be out next week, depending on the weather. After next week the leaf vac will be parked until fall.

The maple tree in the park is budding and should be fertilized during the next few months.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Baglio moved to approve the bills, Warren seconded the motion and the bills were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer