

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2016**

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Miller moved to approve the agenda as presented, Warren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY, 2016 MINUTES

Warren moved to approve the May 18, 2016 minutes as pre-read, Parent seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the June meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The law enforcement officers did not attend the June meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC. SOLICITORS LICENSE

Environmental systems is a clean area survey company that would like to poll the residents in Willernie. No product sold, only information about air quality in the City will be obtained.

The solicitor's license does not consider a survey a solicitation so the City Council agreed to permit Environmental Systems to approach the Willernie residents to complete their survey.

The representative will have a license to carry from the City if any resident questions the representative.

LYNDA STERN

Lynda received a letter explaining that she planted trees at 202 Sargent too close to the existing road. She did not realize she was violating the ordinance and if the trees are moved and replanted it will cause a financial burden.

Lynda would like to work with the City and reach a compromise so that the trees do not need to be replanted.

The trees will need to be trimmed as they grow because they are too close together and will cause some visibility problems in the future. Rick explained that blue spruce grow with three fingers and if you trim the third finger off every year it helps keep the tree from spreading.

After much discussion the Council explained that if the trees stay they will need to be trimmed and some of them will need to be removed in later years. The City will write an agreement for Ms. Stearns to sign explaining that the trees need to be trimmed every year by the current property owner and said property owner will check with the City on the size of the trees yearly. If Ms. Stearns moves from the property the agreement will be transferred to the new owner.

Parent moved to allow the trees to stay as they are with a written agreement between the property owner and the City of Willernie to keep the site line clear and to be renewed yearly. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MIKE LUDWIG

Mike Ludwig purchased the property at 316 Chatham and would like to apply for a second address on the two lots of the property. The garage is currently on one of the lots and the house is on three half lots.

A garage cannot stand alone according to the City Ordinances, it must be attached to a house. This is the reason the house and garage have the same address.

Mr. Ludwig is going to remodel the house and decide if the garage should be taken down.

DUGOUT

Debbie, the owner of the Dugout, requested permission to put a barrier on the Wildwood Road side of the Dugout to protect the building siding that has been destroyed by cars.

Rick suggested two 4 x 4 pieces of wood painted and attached to the building to prevent the cars from parking so close to the Dugout.

There should also be a sign showing employee parking, no parking and loading zone.

Debbie thanked the Council for the solution to the problem.

MATT VOSS – AUDIT REPORT

Matt went through the management letter page by page and explained areas for improvement in the City and also explained that Willernie is doing a good job on the budget.

The revenues and expenses were reviewed for 2015 and all questions were answered by Matt.

The final copy of the audit will be sent to the Council the end of June.

WATER UPDATE

Parent explained that Mahtomedi is going to install the new meters, we are going to have our own docking station and the numbers from the meters will downloaded to Mahtomedi and Willernie.

The cost of the hydrants with be \$35.50 twice a year and Mahtomedi would like a water audit that they will pay for the first three years and then Willernie will pay for its own audit.

Our water costs will be \$2.38 plus the \$15.58 and that is after the 5% increase for this year. A two year credit will also be given to Willernie to satisfy the debt.

A contract will be sent by Mahtomedi as soon as it is ready for signatures, Parent will keep the Council up to date on the progress.

GRANTS

Miller is still working on meetings with the state legislators. They have been in session so he is waiting until they are finished to meet with them.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Parent received some coupons for the tournament and explained that the brochures are available if anyone is interested in signing up for the tournament.

RICK REPORT

200 Sargent put up a fence that causes problems on the corner for visibility, also they put trash on City property and a drain that goes through the fence onto City property.

Scott presented a letter to be sent to Christina Meader concerning the above issues that was read to the Council.

A motion to authorize Scott to send the letter to Christina Meader stating the violations was made by Baglio. Warren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Miller moved to approve the bills. Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer