

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2017**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Miller moved to approve the agenda as presented, Baglio seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER, 2017 MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Waller from the Rice Creek Water Shed introduced himself to the Council explaining he is a representative of Washington County and would like the cities to know about available funds from the water shed.

Mr. Waller passed out information on the tax collections that the watershed has collected in the last ten years, explaining that approximately, \$7,700 is spent a year when \$300,000 a year is contributed to the watershed district.

Mr. Waller would like the cities in the area to apply for funds through the watershed and stay informed about the grants that are available to the cities in Washington County,

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Washington County Officers did not attend the December meeting.

PAUL O'LEARY

Paul is purchasing the pizza place on County 12 and presented pictures of the remodel to the Council. When the property was Greg's Auto there were three garage doors on the front facing County 12 and Paul would like to reinstall these doors. The building has air ducts in place, explosion motor is on top, the bathroom needs to be made handicap accessible but otherwise the area in the back will remain the same.

The mayor and Paul have discussed the proposed round about on the corner of County 12 where the garage would be installed and the project for 2019 will grandfather Paul's business into the project.

The Council feels this would be a good use for the building and there were no objections to the plans as presented by Paul.

CINDY VADNAIS

Cindy thanked the Council and Rick for the wonderful job they are doing in the City. Cindy would also like to request a no parking sign on Sargent Road up to the Vadnais driveway. Both sides of the street have parking and it is dangerous for the cars trying to drive through the street.

Rick suggested calling the sheriff when the cars park in the areas that are marked off. If the parking doesn't improve by spring, the Council will reconsider the no parking signs on Sargent.

Cindy also wanted to inform the Council that the kidnapper that was arrested for trying to abduct a Mahtomedi resident at the Willernie post office will be sentenced on January 16th at 8:30 a.m. in Washington County. All residents of Willernie are encouraged to attend the sentencing to show support for the max sentence of this kidnapper. Cindy will be giving a victim statement and would like to have as many supporters attend the sentencing as possible.

FURNANCE PROPOSAL

The humidity in the garage destroyed the current furnace and the pipes that connect it. The repairman suggested replacing it now that the garage is insulated and dry. The parts for the old furnace will cost more than a new furnace.

A motion was made by Parent to replace the furnace at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00, the motion was seconded by Warren. Motion passed unanimously.

TRUTH AND TAXATION RESOLUTION

A motion to approve the Truth and Taxation Resolution was made by Miller, Baglio seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL FOR 2018

A motion to approve the final budget for 2018 was made by Miller, Baglio seconded the motion and the budget was approved.

GRANTS

Miller talked to the representative about the solar heat and is waiting for more information on this grant along with the other ones available to small cities.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

There is nothing new to report on the yards in violation currently.

COUNTY 12

Parent explained that Washington County has applied for a grant to cover \$200,000 for Willernie and \$400,000 for Mahtomedi but they are not sure if Washington County will receive this grant.

The new water main will cost approximately \$100,000 so Willernie will need to increase the street budget next year to \$70,000 to help pay for the water main. The rest of the project that will install sidewalks to McGregor, a 4 way stop at Warner, a light on East Avenue and a turn lane are all proposed projects now, however, Willernie cannot afford the amount of money that will be needed for this project.

There are two options to continue with this project, one is to bond the project for over 10 years or borrow the money from Washington County and make payments to them for three to five years.

The mayor will discuss the bonding with the City engineer and report back to the Council next year.

RICK REPORT

The new truck is here.

There has been trouble with flushable wipes in the sewer lines and Rick has cleaned out the pump house more than once in the last two weeks due to the items that have been flushed into the system. Residents will receive a letter explaining that this can cause serious damage to the lines and financial problems in the City.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Miller seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer