

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017**

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

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Miller and Baglio raised their right hands, read the Oath of Office and were officially welcomed as the newly elected Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER, 2016 MEETING

Bohnen moved to accept the minutes of the December meeting as pre-read, Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the January meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

A new officer attended the meeting and asked if there were any concerns about Willernie. The Council reported the intersection on Wildwood Road where the stop sign is ignored and the Chatham road speeders.

TIM DEWUSKE AND LARRY LANOUX

Tim Dewuske is from Mahtomedi and is concerned about the water draining into

Lake Washington on County 7. Lost Lake has had mercury in it and there have been two sewer brakes in the last two years that he is concerned about. There is water moving into Lake Washington and other tributaries are entering the lake from Stillwater Road.

Mr. Dewuske and Mr. Lanoux are concerned about the water infiltrating and the sewer spill. Mr. Dewuske has found several fox, deer and birds that have died on his property and he believes it is because of the mercury in the water. His dog died and tested positive for mercury so he has been working with Mahtomedi and Grant to determine where the contaminated water begins.

Neither gentleman has discussed this issue with Rice Creek Watershed.

Mayor Parent explained that due to Mother Nature there has been more rain than usual this year and the lakes did not go down because the ground is saturated. The ground cannot absorb the water because it is frozen and we had thunderstorms in December this year. The creek is flowing due to the added water from an unusual year.

The Mayor asked the gentlemen what they were asking Willernie to do about issues taking place in Mahtomedi and Grant. They would like Willernie to contact Rice Creek and our City Engineer to discuss the issue and have the water tested.

APPOINTMENTS

Miller moved to appoint Bohnen as Deputy Mayor, Miller as parks & building representative, Baglio as sewer and water representative, Bohnen as street representative and Warren as the public safety representative. Warren seconded the motion and the appointments were approved.

Miller moved to appoint Vickie Keating as Clerk-Treasurer, Jack Kramer as Building Inspector, John Manship with Jack Kramer as backup as the Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector, Midwest One as the official bank, White Bear Press as the official newspaper, Lawson, Marshall, McDonald & Galowitz as the legal firm, Lake Superior Consulting Engineering as the engineer, Abdo, Eick and Myers as the auditor, Bev Friendt with Vickie Keating as alternate to Cable Commission and Sherrill Reid as animal control. Warren seconded the motion and the appointments were made.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVAL

Miller moved to approve Gordy's, Frigaard's, Roman Markets On Sale and

Sunday License, plus Wildwood Wine and Spirits Off Sale and Olive Joe's Wine and 3.2% On Sale liquor licenses as long as all the paperwork has been submitted. Bohnen seconded the motion and the licenses were approved.

GRANTS

Miller had a meeting with the legislators and now the group is working on funds that will help the City. He will keep the Council posted as the group makes progress.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

Hanson's have removed the vehicle and a dumpster full of the articles on the property. The rest will be removed in the spring because several items were frozen to the ground.

Jeff Loftis called the City Office and asked for more time to remove the items from his yard so the Council will decide how much additional time Mr. Loftis will be given to clean up the property.

Baglio would like to add fines to the ordinances on the houses that continue to store junk in their yards. The attorney explained that the decision to fine and when to fine is one that is made by the Council.

Baglio will report on the progress of the houses at the next meeting.

RICK REPORT

There was a water main break in December and another one six feet from the first one. The cost of repairs for these breaks is around \$22,000.

There is a meeting Friday at Willernie City Hall on the installation of the new water meters so Rick will keep the Council up to date on the progress of the installation.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Baglio moved to approve the bills, Bohnen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer