

**CITY OF WILLERNIE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 19, 2017**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Wildwood and Paddington stop sign was added to letter D under new business plus City Picnic was added as letter E under new business. After the above additions were made Bohnen moved to approve the agenda, Warren seconded the motion and the agenda was adopted.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE, 2017 MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at the June meeting.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

The Washington County officers did not attend the June Council Meeting.

**VARIANCE HEARING – BEDELL**

The Council Meeting was suspended at 8:04 p.m. to continue the variance hearing for Bill Bedell.

Parent explained that the variance hearing was continued to give the council time to look at the property location at issue, as well as any new information Mr. Bedell may produce between the June and July City Council Meetings. Parent then read the variance request as presented by Mr. Bedell.

The variance request was to extend the time line on the building permit for a house that burned down approximately ten years ago. When a property is destroyed by a fire, Minnesota law allows 180 days to come forward and discuss future plans for the property that had a structure on it. The variance is requesting the Council to extend the 180 days Mr. Bedell and Mr. Lohr had to submit a building permit after fire destroyed the house on their property, which was almost ten years ago.

Parent made it clear that the vote was for permission to extend the 180 allowed days to submit a building permit for ten years.

Warren asked about the alternative solutions for the lot. It was explained that the variance was for the extension of time, not for building on the lot. If the extension of the time is allowed, then another discussion will take place on the structure allowed on the property.

Susannah explained that another variance could be requested for building on the property at issue.

Warren described the property as a unique area with a Sprint structure on it. Parking is not an issue due to the Flame Bar's cooperation and Warren feels this would be a good area to build on.

Parent discussed that the variance request was regarding a State law and that variance requests are intended for City Ordinances.

The variance hearing was closed at 8:25 p.m.

Parent requested a vote to accept the variance for Mr. Bedell as requested by the Council.

All Council members voted against allowing an extension of the 180 days permitted by Minnesota Statute to submit a building permit after property was destroyed by fire as requested by the variance.

### **TRAMM COMPANIES – 412 PADDINGTON**

Mr. Kim Tramm introduced himself to the City Council as a prospective buyer for the house at 412 Paddington.

Mr. Tramm asked about the setbacks on the property and property lines. The set backs are 20 feet from the street and 5 feet from the property lines. This house has a street in the front and the back of the house so both the front and back must be 20 feet from the street.

Mr. Tramm would like to know if he could have a driveway in the front and the back of the house. The Council agreed that this would be a possibility if the builders decided to install them.

Mr. Tramm presented a house plan to the Council that is a possibility after the current house is removed from the property.

The Council welcomed Mr. Tramm to the City and expressed appreciation for the proposed plan on this property that will enhance the City.

### **STOP SIGN AT CLYDE AND KINDROSS**

There was not enough information on the request for a stop sign at Clyde and Kindross for the Council to make a determination on this issue.

### **STOP SIGNS AT WILDWOOD AND PADDINGTON**

There is a number of cars going through Willernie across the bridge by Charing and Paddington at a high rate of speed. A stop sign could possibly slow the cars down and help prevent an accident.

A motion to install a stop sign on the bridge was made by Baglio. Warren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **GRANTS**

Miller is working on the grants and will be filling out the paperwork on some new ones. The City Engineer is also looking for grants to help the City with the project on Stillwater Road.

Parent has a meeting with the Met Council on Thursday to check on grants to help with the projects in the City.

### **YARDS IN VIOLATION**

Miller has sold two vehicles and the boat, he is still working on the wall pillars and some debris that will be moved before winter.

Patraw needs to clean out the car port as soon as the brick work is finished.

The area around the Bellow house should be cleaned up or a ticket will be issued.

Schoonmaker is working on the junk in the back yard and the cars, however, if he does not have them removed in 30 days he will receive a ticket.

Moore applied for a building permit for a garage and is working on his property as requested.

Hanson's have not complied with the requirements to remove the debris in their yard so they will receive another ticket and end up in court again.

### **PICNIC**

The date suggested for the City picnic is September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The idea is a root beer float social with hot dogs and condiments.

Fliers will be given to all home owners so everyone in the City will know they are invited to the picnic which should increase attendance.

The Council agreed this would be a good social event for the City and thanked Andrew Djong for the work he and Abbey have done on this project.

### **EASMENT ON MILFORD**

Susannah showed the Council a map with the two houses on Milford in question that share a paved area. Mr. Strand has two lots and Mr. Longville owns a part of this lot. Both parties are disputing parking. The road on Milford is owned by the City and has not been vacated as of this date.

The City can grant a license to both property owners allowing them to use the property and it can be taken back at any time or the City can require the property owners to stop using this property.

The Council will think about the options and this will be discussed at the August meeting.

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Parent and Miller have everything ready for the golf tournament. Businesses will be sending in gift certificates to the City and registrations are coming in.

### **RICK REPORT**

Rick met with two electricians to get bids on the electrical in the City Office for the installation of the cameras on the building, however, Rick has not received any numbers from the electricians as of this date.

The roads have been repaired, but a hole was knocked in the drain and Schifsky's will be back to repair it.

There is standing water by a driveway on Wildwood that Rick will fix in the next few days.

### **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bohnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Miller seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating  
Clerk-Treasurer