

**CITY OF WILLERNIE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 17, 2018**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Under old business County Road 12 was added to the agenda.

After the addition was made, Warren moved to approve the agenda with the changes, Bohnen seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER, 2017 MEETING**

Miller moved to approve the December, 2017 minutes as pre-read. Bohnen seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No residents were present for public comments at the January meeting.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

The Washington County Officers did not attend the January meeting.

**JAMES GROB – PULL TABS FOR ROMA**

Mr. Grob introduced himself to the Council and explained he has been running pull tabs for different businesses for 10 years. He explained that some cities ask for nothing while others have most of the funds remain in the city. There is usually a match of the funds for the veterans and soldiers home in Hastings, Minnesota.

Mr. Grob is affiliated with the American Veterans Post 1 and would like permission from the City to run pull tabs at Roma Market in Willernie.

The mayor explained that the Legion donates funds to the parks and the Good Neighbor Club can always use donations.

After much discussion, Mr. Grob was asked to return in February so the Council has time to discuss the situation with the Legion.

### **ORDINANCE ON PARKING IN PUBLIC SPACES**

Parent explained there was a car parked by Milnar park, so she called the sheriff. A citation was written and the car was later towed, however, the deputy asked the mayor to suggest an ordinance concerning the length of time a car can be parked in the City without a citation.

Susannah presented an ordinance on parking in public spaces that was read to the Council. After reading the proposed ordinance, Warren moved to accept the ordinance, Baglio seconded the motion and the ordinance was approved.

### **CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

The appointments for the City are as follows:

Deputy Mayor – Warren  
Parks & Building – Baglio  
Sewer & Water – Miller  
Streets – Bohnen  
Public Safety – Warren

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

### **CITY OF WILLERNIE APPOINTMENTS**

Clerk-Treasurer – Vickie Keating  
Building Inspector – Jack Kramer  
Mechanical & Plumbing Inspector – John Manship/backup Jack Kramer  
Official Bank – Midwest One  
Newspaper – White Bear Press  
Legal Firm – Galowitz Olson, PLLC  
Auditor – Abdo, Eick & Myers

Cable Commission – Bev Friendt /Alternate – Vickie Keating  
Animal Control – Brittany Harmon  
Engineer – Lake Superior Consulting – Les Matteffy  
Computer Liaison – Celia Wirth

Miller moved to approve the above City appointments, Warren seconded the motion and the appointments were approved.

### **LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVAL**

Gordy's – On Sale, Sunday License  
Frigaard's – On Sale, Sunday  
Roman Market – On Sale, Sunday, Brewers

Parent moved to approve the liquor licenses, Miller seconded the motion and the licenses were approved.

### **GRANTS**

Miller has reviewed the solar grant information and none of the available grants fit the City of Willernie. Miller has sent emails to the senators and the commissioner trying to set up meetings, however, he has not received any confirmations at this time.

### **YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES**

June Hanson has been removed from her home, is living in Sartell with her daughter and hospice is caring for her at this time. Julie, June's daughter, is hiring a clean up crew as soon as the resident daughter is off the property. If the process is not followed another letter will be sent to Julie.

Terry Patraw has had six months to clean up his property so a letter has been sent, and the sheriff will be contacting Terry soon.

### **COUNTY ROAD 12**

Rick and Parent met with the City Engineer to discuss the replacement of the water main on Stillwater Road which will cost the City approximately \$200,000. The county will assess Willernie approximately \$200,000 for the sidewalks and other work on

County 12 which may be covered by a grant the county is hoping to receive. The pole barn will cost \$150,000 so the City needs \$550,000 for all the repairs on the road, barn and water main.

The City has not had a bond since 1964 so a financial planner will attend the February meeting to discuss the interest, bonding process, etc.

The other expense that should be addressed is the lift station. An alarm should be installed to notify Rick when a problem arises.

### **RICK REPORT**

The mayor explained that Midwest One Bank financed the new truck after several issues with the dealership and the high interest that was going to be charged through the dealership loan. The mayor went to the dealership and explained the problems with the contact person representing the dealership. The gentleman the mayor worked with, rewrote all the paperwork and completed the loan process with the bank.

The lift station was down due to flushable wipes going through the system. Rick would like a letter that can be delivered to residents concerning the items that need to be avoided when flushing.

### **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 9:27 p.m. Baglio seconded the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating  
Clerk-Treasurer