

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2019**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2019 MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one was present for public comments at the August meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Washington County Officers did not attend the August meeting.

APPOINTMENT

Susannah explained the memorandum for the vacancy on the council. The time frame for the appointment is the next election when the appointed council person can run for city council.

Kate Siver introduced herself and explained that she has lived in Willernie for a year and a half, prior to living in Willernie she lived in Mahtomedi. She has decided to become involved in the community plus she is interested in learning more about Willernie.

Parent read the resolution to appoint Kate Siver to the City Council until the election in November 2020. Miller moved to approve the resolution to appoint Kat Siver to the City Council, Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BUDGET

The budget for 2020 has an increase in engineering fees, federal aid decrease, election expenses are up due to three elections that will be held in 2020. The County 12 road project has increased construction expense and the salaries were increased 3%.

Miller moved to increase the levy 10% with the above increases. Baglio seconded the motion and the 2020 budget was approved.

INSURANCE

A motion to not waive the monetary limits on the municipal tort liability was made by Miller. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

Susannah explained the process for the violations and the chart she made to track the violations, dates, and inspection report.

Mr. Tschetter erected a fence on city property, the survey done shows the boundary lines and the fence crosses a platted city road. Due to this violation an inspection report was sent with a violation so now the city decides what action will be taken on this matter.

Mr. Tschetter did not apply for a building permit before installing the fence and the building inspector has notified Mr. Tschetter in writing concerning the installation of this fence without a permit.

Mr. Tschetter complained that other neighbors are using the road and he thought he could also use it, however, when he approached the Council last July, he was told the property was not for sale and did belong to the City.

Mr. Tschetter had a notice in November and did not choose to take any action. Susannah explained that the fence is in violation of City Ordinances so the fence will need to be removed or moved to the property owner's property and taken off the City road. Mr. Tschetter will also need to pay an after the fact permit fee.

The Council will instruct the building inspector to look at the property and make sure the neighbors are not violating the City Road. After a report from the building inspector the Council will discuss the next steps to be taken by Mr. Tschetter.

Tveit – Susannah handed out information from the past on this violator.

Patraw, Gibson, Hague and Olson will receive violation notices in the next few days.

RENTALS – CAP ON THEM

Susannah explained that rentals can have a cap on them, however, there needs to be a goal to meet this cap.

GRANTS

Miller is working with the League of Minnesota Cities on a federal program. He will report to the Council as soon as he has any new information on this grant.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

There were 43 golfers and approximately, \$3000 was made on the golf tournament this year.

The Mayor thanked Miller and volunteers Pat Soderberg, Celeste Klein, Marilyn Miller and her daughter for all the work they did on the tournament.

Roma Market donated the food which was excellent, and the City wants to thank them for the good food and service.

Next year the date for the tournament is August 14.

RICK REPORT

Rick explained that Wildwood Road may be open by the weekend. It will not be complete, but the cars will be able to get through the street. The new drains are in and the sewer is completed to Dartmoor, water is in to Penway as of this date.

The catch basin has been filled and eliminated and Mark Warren has been helping Rick with the road patching.

Baglio asked Rick to check on the storm sewer near Howard Moore's house on Kindross to check the draining process.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNAMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer