

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2020**

PRESENT: Parent, Baglio, Miller, Soderlund, Attorney – Laurann Kirschner, Maintenance Superintendent – Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie Keating,

ABSENT: Siver.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2019 MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the minutes of the December 2019 meeting as pre-read, Soderlund seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the January meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Officer Marquardt attended the January meeting to inform the Council that two new officers are patrolling Mahtomedi and Willernie. Officer Carl Rice will be on the day shift along with John Stringer. Ryan Corniea is the night shift with Joshua Hutchins.

Willernie has been quiet in the last few months.

The Mayor informed Officer Marquardt that the stop signs are being abused on Chatham, Paddington, Penway and Sargent. The officers will watch these areas to help with the speeding in the City.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY UPDATE

A booklet with pictures and progress made on the library was handed out to the Council.

The new library is on schedule and they are hoping it will be completed by next summer. There is a conference area, reading area and a children's room.

There are monthly updates on the website showing the progress on the building for anyone interested in viewing it.

Washington County Commissioner Stan Karwoski congratulated all the County employees for the work done on County 12 and the library. The project is not complete due to the weather conditions, but it will be completed in the spring and summer of 2020.

COUNTY 12 UPDATE

Garrett Bangman, an engineer from Washington County, working on County 12 explained that the storm sewer, sanitary sewer, sidewalks and utility work have been completed on County 12. This was a 6.8-million-dollar project and 6 million dollars was completed in 2019.

Minor touchup work will be done in the spring and the street lighting is not complete as of January. An incorrect part was sent to the contractor, which has been returned and the correct part has been received so the lights will be completed soon.

The sidewalk was not completed in the fall due to the weather.

In 2020 the area east of Warner needs to be completed. All the work is suspended except the street lighting until spring.

Hopefully the road will remain open during the completion of the project in the spring.

The Mayor thanked the County for all the work done and explained that most of the feedback has been positive in the City. The sidewalk leading to the library is a safety issue and parents with small children appreciate the installation.

County staff also thanked the City for the cooperation and understanding during the project.

CHERYL MALKOWSKI

The Mayor explained that Cheryl's utilities were not certified last year due to a payment plan that was not honored. Cheryl missed the deadline for the certification and is asking for an abatement on the certification.

A motion to deny the abatement on Malkowski's property was made by Miller. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS

The resolution to appoint Boni Westberg, Bonnie Swanson, Jennifer Washington, Cynthia Jacobson, Carolyn Pozzinni, and Bob Holly as election judges with Barbara K. Parent and Patrick Miller as substitute judges for the 2020 elections was made by Parent. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Parent moved to approve Miller as Deputy Mayor, Baglio-parks and buildings, Miller-sewer and water, Siver-streets and Soderlund-public safety representatives. Miller seconded the motion and the appointments were made.

CITY APPOINTMENTS

Baglio moved to approve Vickie Keating as Clerk-Treasurer, Jack Kramer-building inspector, John Manship with Jack Kramer as backup for mechanical and plumbing permits, Midwestone as the official bank, White Bear Press as the official newspaper, Galowitz Olson, PLLC as the legal firm, Abdo, Eick and Myers as auditors, Bev Friendt with Vickie Keating as alternate to the cable commission , Les Mateffy as city engineer and Celia Wirth as computer liaison. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

LIQUOR LICENSEA APPROVAL

Miller moved to approve Gordy's on sale, off sale and Sunday license, Frigaard's on sale and Sunday license, Roman Markets, on sale, off sale, Sunday and Brewers license and Wildwood Wine and Spirits off sale license if all the paperwork is completed. Soderlund seconded the motion and the licenses were approved.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

All the violators have been tabled until March except for the complaint on 116 Leeds. Soderlund and Baglio will check on this address and report back to the Council in February.

RICK REPORT

Rick requested permission to trim some of the brush on Faversham and a few other streets with overgrown brush. The Council agreed this brush should be trimmed to provide safe visibility for the vehicles in the City.

Rick has been plowing and keeping the streets open after each snowfall.

GRANTS

Miller left a message for Senator Wiger for new government proposal asking to include Willernie. Miller is waiting to hear from the state on the funding.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer