

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 2020
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Parent, Siver, Baglio, Miller, Soderlund, Attorney-Susannah Torseth and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Baglio moved to approve the agenda, Soderlund seconded the motion and the agenda was approved with the addition of the Budget meeting and Streetscape.

All Council members voted to approve the motion and the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2020 MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the June minutes as pre-read, Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all Council members voting for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment at the June meeting.

JENSEN PROPERTY

Eddie Jensen and Yale Norwick were present to ask about the access on Craig Place for a new house. Two houses can be accessed on Clyde and one will be on Craig Place. They need 20 feet or more to access this proposed house.

They can extend Craig Place at their expense and the sewer will go with the direction of the driveway. Nothing is marked for water at this time.

Once there is access, a site plan and survey will be done.

No variances are necessary if the ordinances are followed.

These houses will have tuck under garages, and they are hoping to keep the price under \$400,000.

There is no issue extending Craig Place, the entrance will be nice, and it will add to an area where snow is stored for the winter. The extension of Craig Place will be at the owner's expense.

ROMA COMPLAINT

Susannah displayed the letter from Jack Kramer on the screen for the Council to review. There was a letter from Mr. Comb complaining about the noise from the bands Roma is employing.

The letter was submitted with two main complaints. There is great concern about the noise level and the other concern is the service of food in the parking lot. Susannah displayed the letter sent to Mr. Comb addressing his concerns about Roma.

Brian Pilrain was notified about the noise complaint from Mr. Combs, he contacted Mr. Combs and then Mr. Combs submitted a second letter asking about the permits issued to Roma from the City.

In reviewing the licenses for Roma, Susannah found the annual liquor license, the building permits that have been issued and mechanical permits, however, the ordinances do not have specific information about the outdoor music.

The 601.08 ordinances say police can disperse a large group, has general noise definitions including speakers, amplifiers, and radios that would be unreasonably disturbing. There is a decimal system the state of Minnesota has adopted the City uses for compliance.

Parent explained in the past the outdoor music was usually just a special event, not every night. Brian informed the Council that Roma had music several nights a week last year.

As far as the parking lot being used to serve food, this was due to covid and the executive order issued by the governor concerning the reopening of restaurants.

Currently there is a stage in an area where speakers are facing walls that bounce the sound into the north area of the parking lot and the houses are right in that area. If the sound is loud a block away it is too loud.

Mr. Combs would be comfortable with the music if it is not blaring. Maybe locate it on the east end of the parking lot with an acoustic guitar and band Brian explained that they go by the decimal system, they have an audio meter that measures the sound and they limit it to a certain decimal.

There is no live music after 9 p.m. and they are done by 10 p.m. Mr. Combs explained that the neighbors have children that go to bed before 10 p.m. so the noise is an issue.

Susannah informed Mr. Combs that even though children go to bed before 10 p.m. the rules for noise apply until 11 p.m. and Roma is finishing at 9 so they are going above and beyond to cooperate.

Brian will test the sounds with the decibel reader at the edge of the property. Parent asked Mr. Combs if he would be comfortable with this idea. Mr. Combs does not want bands; he can hear a harmonica from a block away. Mr. Combs will work with Brian; however, he wants to enjoy his deck without loud music. Brian is willing to work with everyone and will take the necessary measures to accommodate the neighboring houses.

This will be reported on at the August meeting.

REPORT FROM JACK KRAMER

Parent asked Jack if the issues with Roma have been discussed. Jack explained that he wrote a letter to the City explaining the questions involved in completion of the permit. Parent would like Jack to meet with Brian and resolve the issues to complete the permit.

Jack will arrange a meeting with Brian next week.

XCEL PERMIT

Xcel is asking permission to install a gas service line. The work will be completed by 12-21-21.

A motion to approve the Xcel permit was made by Miller. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed with the Council members all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 600 ORDINANCES

A motion to approve the 600 ordinances as reviewed on June 29th was made by Parent. The motion was seconded by Soderlund.

The motion passed with all the Council members voting yes to approve the 600 ordinances.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Miller moved to approve the following business licenses if they meet compliance with the fire department. The motion was seconded by Soderlund and the following businesses were approved.

1. Mike Breault Barbers
2. Mark Ashby Real Estate
3. Domino's Pizza
4. Lakeside Floral
5. Paragon Pools
6. Thrivent Financial
7. Skyline Cleaners
8. O'Leary's Hideaway Shop
9. Earle of Sandwiches
10. Valarie's Asian Cuisine
11. Gordy's Steak House
12. Wildwood Wine and Spirits
13. Frigaard's
14. Mold Craft
15. Roelof Insurance
16. Roma Market
17. Kiel Brothers Ventures
18. East Shore Auto

BUDGET MEETING AUGUST 19TH

The Budget meeting for 2021 will take place via Zoom on August 19th at 6:00 p.m.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The golf course was willing to work with the City on social distancing, however, the lunch and gathering after the game was a difficult situation.

The Council concluded that it would be wise to cancel the golf tournament this year and reschedule for August 14, 2021 on the advice of the attorney.

A motion to cancel the 2020 golf tournament was made by Miller. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed with all the Council voting yes on the motion.

Miller discussed a partnership with Frigaard's concerning teams to play over a week of time. The golf course would collect the funds to be donated to the City. Miller will report back on this at the August meeting.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

Tveit – nothing new to report on this case.

Hague and Olson are moving forward on their projects. Olson applied for a permit on a garage and the sheds will be removed as soon as the garage is done.

Hague's basement was flooded so his project may take longer. Jack will check with Josh on this issue.

Patraw's – a few things have been picked up, but the debris and cars are still in the same area.

The City needs a committee on the business properties so Siver volunteered to check on the business properties for unnecessary junk.

STREE SCAPE

Parent had a Zoom meeting with the City of Mahtomedi and the designers for streetscape. Due to the virus they are going to narrow it down to banners with the amusement park theme on them. Willernie has 8 streetlights and they would like to have some holiday lights, hanging baskets or something to make the lights special. There is still money in the light fund that they will put in the Willernie fund so the City would pay for 3 lights instead of 8.

This will be discussed at the Budget meeting in August.

GRANTS

Miller sent a letter of intent to the Department of Commerce and the legislature is bringing the bonding bill back. There is some funds from the Cares Act to help the businesses so Willernie might be able to help the local businesses that are in trouble.

Parent explained that the City has been granted fun due to the virus but whatever is not used will be returned in November. The City is ordering shields, thermometer, air purifiers for the office and a new vacuum.

RICK REPORT

The sign on Warner requiring no parking needs to be discussed with the owner on that corner. Parent will check with Rick on this area and have him talk to the owner.

Stewart and Kerry Lane stop sign is covered by vegetation that needs to be removed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Miller moved to approve the bills, Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed with all the Council voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Siver seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned with all the Council voting yes on the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer