

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

VIA ZOOM

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor's Association was added under new business, then Miller moved to approve the agenda with the addition, Baglio and Soderlund seconded the motion. All Council members present voted yes to approve the agenda and the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2020 MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the August 2020 minutes as pre-read. Soderlund seconded the motion and all Council members present voted yes on the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the September meeting.

PARK

Siver has been working on Milnar Park, planting Hosta's in the tractor tires and cleaning up the area. She would like to know if the picnic tables can be cleaned or painted to help clean up the park.

Parent explained the tables need to be power washed and a generator is needed to clean these tables. Parent will talk with her neighbor and see if he has some equipment that can help with the clean up.

Currently the tables are full of walnuts and stains from the nuts. Baglio suggested cleaning them in the spring so the residents can enjoy the park.

EAST METRO MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION

Parent joined a Zoom meeting with the Mayor's Association and wanted to inform the Council about this Association. The Mayor's work together to lobby for things needed in the East Metro. This group provides a platform for each mayor that works as a united force to help with the projects in the eastern suburbs.

The priorities of this group are governmental relationships with the state and local levels. This group serves as a form to meet with the state office holders to share concerns about the East Metro.

There are 37 East Metro units and we are in tier 4. There will be more information on this association and some of the areas of concern are transportation, water policies, infrastructure, elections, and public safety.

Amy Kovashar spoke to the group and explained what she has been working on during covid.

Parent thinks it is a good idea for cities and communities to work together such as County 12 project, which involved three communities.

There are different tiers depending on the population and this controls the cost. Tier 4 is approximately \$2000.

ROMA UPDATE

Parent read the letter from a Stillwater resident concerning Roma. There seems to be a misunderstanding about shutting the music down at Roma. Roma was not shut down. Brian Pilrain was going to check the decibels and report back to the City Council and in the meantime, he was going to control the noise level at Roma.

There were several issues concerning Roma, the stage, the fire lane and the noise level of the music. The outside bar will be addressed after covid is over.

The fire marshal said the stage complied with the fire rules. The stage is on private property and there are no laws concerning the fire lane on private property.

Roma has met the criteria for the building permit, the noise level has been met and the Council will continue reviewing the ordinances, however, in the spring the noise level will be revisited.

Susannah explained that rule 7030 presented in July has decibel requirements. Someone would need to check to make sure the decibels are met.

Miller moved to approve the building permit for Roma's stage. Baglio seconded the motion and all Council members present voted yes to pass the motion.

Miller will discuss the noise decibels with the sheriff's office and check into the decibel reader availability.

Soderlund moved to purchase a decimal reader due to covid, Siver seconded the motion and all Council members present voted yes to the motion.

RENTAL LICENSES

Rental licenses were tabled until the October meeting.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

Siver sent out the violation report for the apartments and nothing has been cleaned up. Paragon Pools also has a large dumpster and articles laying around the area. Mike Henry needs a letter to make him aware of the broken fence and to make sure the dumpster is emptied.

MAYOR'S LETTER

Issues to be mentioned in the Mayor's letter are voting, wearing masks, and maintaining social distancing during voting.

Reminder to keep cats indoors, the leaf vac will be out and to watch for rocks and sticks.

Another reminder to clean up around the houses, garages and sheds for the winter months.

GRANTS

There has been no word from Fischer. The bonding is in the third year and still has not passed.

Miller is applying for another grant in the White Bear Lake Community. He will report back as soon as the information is available.

RICK REPORT

Rick met with the contractor on the roof of City Hall. He said there was no hail damage, but he will talk with the insurance company about the missing shingles.

Paul Vadnais is fixing the hot water tank in the City hall sometime this week. The dock is coming out, the leaf vac is out, and the parks are mowed.

The people in the condo's next to the beach are having some construction done on the shoreline and they asked to use the Willernie Beach to access the area. Rick explained that they needed permission from the City Council, so they found another way to access the area

Beach Road needs some repair, Rick will need bids on this due to the condition of the road.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Soderlund moved to approve the bills, Miller seconded the motion and all Council members present voted yes to approve the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Miller seconded the motion and all Council members present moved to approve adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer