

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 21, 2021**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2021 MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the June 2021 minutes as pre-read, Soderlund seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the June meeting.

AUDIT REVIEW – JUSTIN

Justin reviewed audit for the city and is pleased with the positive increases in revenue over the last four years.

Willernie is a small city that stays within the budget and maintains a positive financial review for the year.

ORDINANCES'S IN MAYOR'S LETTER

Parent and Siver discussed ordinances to be reviewed in the newsletter and after a discussion with the Council decided the revised ordinances should be listed on the website separately, so residents know which ordinances have been changed and new ones that have been added.

The Council would like to continue with the ordinance meetings so the project can be completed before the end of the year.

INTERSECTION ON PADDINGTON AND WILDWOOD ROAD

There are many vehicles that run the stop sign on Paddington and Wildwood Road. Soderlund will contact the sheriff's office and ask them to monitor the stop sign and give tickets to the offenders. She will also ask the officers to check on other stop signs in the city.

All the stop signs are visible, Rick checks on them and trims the trees and brush where necessary.

AIR BNB BUSINESS LICENSE MATS LUDWIG

The City of Willernie does not have an ordinance allowing air bnb's at the present time. The zoning ordinances do not have anything that allows for overnight rentals in the city.

There has not been an application submitted for a business license on an air bnb and this is not a permissible use in the city for a business.

Due to the ordinances, the answer to Mr. Ludwig's question concerning the air bnb is no. They are not allowed in the city.

SPEED LIMIT WARNER AVE.

State statute requires a safety engineering and traffic study to change speed limits on city roads.

Rick explained the county will set the speed limits after they complete a traffic study.

The Council does not want to request a traffic study currently due to the cost.

PARTIAL VACATION OF WEBSTER ROAD

Jeff Olson, a resident of Willernie, attended the meeting. He has lived in Willernie since 1992. His neighbor is purchasing the property next door on a contract for deed and had the property surveyed. Mr. Olson does not agree with the survey and asked what the procedure will be on this property.

Susannah explained the problem is between Mr. Olson and his neighbor – it is not a city issue.

Mr. Olson thanked the Council for their time and will pursue this matter privately.

KENMARE STREET VACATION

The public hearing on Kenmare Street Vacation will take place in August.

ORDINANCE MEETING

A meeting time will be set for the next ordinance meeting in August.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Parent needs volunteers to help at the golf tournament in August. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun event.

There are several raffle items that have come into the office and Patrick Miller is working on obtaining more items.

Please contact City Hall or Barb Parent if you are interested in helping on August 14th.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

There have been no complaints on Roma this summer as far as the noise is concerned.

Susannah reviewed conditional use permit forms and is submitting a draft form for the Council to review. Anything can be added or changed.

The form will be reviewed by the Council in August and a price will be set on the permit at that time.

BONDING REQUEST

The City of Willernie has been awarded \$160,000 for a new maintenance building. Parent presented some plans suggested for the building to the Council and explained the building will be extended 10 feet behind and in front of the lot.

The city has four years to complete the project and hopefully it will be done next year.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

Siver made a spreadsheet to keep the progress on violators up to date. 312 Warner still has junk piles of lumber. The house on Stewart is for sale and has been cleaned up. Several residents have received citations and they are still in the system. Most of the violators have been working on the problems and the Council is pleased with the progress.

RICK REPORT

Parent thanked David Casas for power washing the picnic tables in Milnar Park. Mr. Casas donated his time and the signs to the city.

Rick installed the new backboard with the help of a friend. Parent thanked Rick for putting in the backboard.

Police have been called numerous times on the Willernie Beach. The residents in the condo unit would like a closed sign on the beach. Rick believes there is one, but Parent would like a second one installed.

The road removal at the beach has not been done yet due to the high temperatures. The curb will be taken out, so the condo residents are concerned about erosion. Rick explained that the grass will take care of that problem.

There are also children throwing rip rap into the lake, however, the drain in question belongs to Mahtomedi.

Parent attended the ribbon cutting on County 12 and noticed that the Willernie Park does not have a sign with the name on it. The city needs to place a sign in Willernie Park with the name of the park on it.

Rick explained everything is running smoothly. He will check on the beach sign and make sure it is visible to the public.

Schifsky's should finish Faversham soon. They did get most of the water off the road so hopefully the problem on Faversham is solved.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Siver seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer