

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Under yards in violation, violation form was added. After the addition to the agenda Baglio moved to approve the agenda, DeJong seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2021 MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the October minutes as pre-read. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the November meeting.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Melissa introduced Brit Harmon as the owner of Companion Control.

Brit explained that most animal control organizations are in Washington County. She Only sends animals to no kill holding institutions and she works with Otter Lake Animal Hospital. Most of the animals rescued are dogs and cats.

She has a bachelor's in animal science and a master's in government administration.

Parent asked about stray dogs that are impounded and where they are taken. Brit explained they are taken to Otter Lake Animal Hospital. There is a cost to the city for this animal if the owner does not claim the animal.

Brit is willing to have a monthly retainer of \$20.00. There will be a per call charge on the animal.

All this is explained on page 3 of the contract if the council has any questions. When the dog is identified then the owner pays the fee to reclaim the animal. Otter Lake encourages finding the owner of the animal. Cats are harder to place because the number of unclaimed cats is extremely

high. Five percent of the cats are reclaimed. \$50 placement fee and \$20 a month fee that is renewed yearly.

Baglio moved to accept the Animal Control contract with Companion Animal Control. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

GROUP HOMES

The group homes are usually elder care. They are owned by a corporation and considered a single family residence. There are privacy issues with a group home.

There is separate information attached to the minutes concerning group homes.

KENMARE VACATION

A resolution to vacate Kenmare Street was made by Parent, Baglio seconded the motion to approve the resolution and the resolution passed. The number on the resolution will be 2021-3.

POLLING PLACE RESOLUTION FOR 2022

DeJong moved to accept Willernie City Hall for the polling place in the City of Willernie for the 2022 election. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The conditional use permit will be discussed at the December meeting.

BONDING RESOLUTION

A motion to approve the submission of the application for the bonding money on the maintenance building was made by Soderlund after Parent read the resolution. Siver seconded the motion and the motion passed.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

Parent and DeJong discussed the violation of ordinance forms and agreed to have the violations Sent from the City of Willernie instead of a council members signature on the form.

Susannah will make the changes on the forms and send it out tomorrow.

Soderlund explained that 318 Berkley has a truck to be moved and has not moved as promised but is stacked with more disposable items. The topper is still there, and nothing has been done as promised by the owner. There will be a pre-trial in December on this citation.

512 Donegal is not cleaned up so another ordinance violation should be sent out before the citation is issued.

Gibson finished the north side of the house; Hague has done nothing with the building materials as of this date.

RICK REPORT

Parent showed the council the new signs for the parks that will be installed soon.

Rick then explained the GIS system on his computer and asked permission to apply for a subscription to the GIS system to include changes to the addresses in the system.

Soderlund moved to approve the subscription to the GIS system, DeJong seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Rick then explained the new roof on city hall is almost complete, the leaf vac is done until spring, the snow plow is on the truck, and he did plow Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The leaf vac needs a new core which will cost \$700. Rick will repair it and it will be ready to use in the spring.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer