

**CITY OF WILLERNIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Parent, Siver, Baglio, Soderlund, DeJong, attorney Melissa Miroslavich, engineer-Marcus Johnson, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and clerk-Vickie Keating.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Baglio moved to accept the agenda, Soderlund seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 2022 MINUTES**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bonnie Swanson, a Willernie resident, asked to speak about the road vacation on Kenmare Place. Washington county said the vacation was not complete and needs to be resubmitted with the corrections.

Melissa was aware of the road vacation and explained that the lawyers have the documentation on the vacation with the approved stamp. The attorneys will contact Bonnie as soon as the problem with the county recording the road vacation is corrected.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF**

Officer Jared attended the city council meeting and explained that catalytic converters are being stolen off cars so be aware of any suspicious activity around vehicles. Some of the converters are labeled so the thieves cannot sell them, however, the older ones are not.

Officer Jared thanked the citizen that reported a motorized vehicle on the streets in Willernie. As a result, the minibike has been removed for 30 days.

Parent asked about adults riding motorized bikes and if they are legal. Officer Jared explained that if they have a plate on them, they are legal. Electric bikes are allowed on the roadways.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 500 SECTION 301.014, CHAPTER 1200**

The city council meeting was suspended at 7:05 p.m. for the public hearing on ordinance 500, section 301.014, Chapter 1200.

There were no questions on the ordinances.

The meeting resumed at 7:10. p.m.

Parent moved to pass ordinance 500, section 301.014, Chapter 500. Siver seconded the motion and the ordinance passed.

### **FULL CIRCLE FITNESS**

Sam Zack of Full Circle Fitness has been in the City of Willernie since October of 2021 offering a personal fitness service. She is certified and works one on one with clients.

The mayor explained the city needs certification to issue a business license.

Sam had a business in Hugo and relocated to Willernie when the building in Hugo was no longer available.

The council asked why Ms. Zack had not requested a business license in Willernie in 2021. Sam attended the Mahtomedi City Council meeting by mistake and does not remember being contacted in December about the business license.

Ms. Zack loves Willernie and apologies for the miscommunication on her part concerning the business license.

Ms. Zack has moved four times over the last few months and has lost some of the mail in the process causing problems with the business license.

The council explained that Ms. Zack has one week to bring her credentials to the city for a business license, however, if the paperwork is not in the office in that week the cease and desist will be in place for Full Circle Fitness.

A motion was made by Soderlund to issue a business license upon receipt of the credentials from Sam Zack within one week with a pro-rated fee, then the cease and desist will no longer be in effect. The motion was seconded by Baglio. The motion passed.

### **RESOLUTION REVOKING MASSAGE PARLOR LICENSE**

Parent attended a meeting with Mahtomedi and the Washington County Officers concerning the licensing of massage parlors. The officers explained there is a group that target small communities, so they are organizing a packet to fit our communities.

Mahtomedi will hold a public hearing to pass the proposed ordinance on licensing massage parlors as soon as the ordinance is ready for approval. Since Willernie shares the downtown, this ordinance will be beneficial for both communities and make the cities less vulnerable.

Melissa has reviewed the ordinance and agrees it should be part of Willernie's ordinances.

The applicants will be required to have a background check at their expense, this fee will be part of the application. Legitimate massage therapists will be willing to have a background check.

In the interim the city should pass a moratorium on massage therapy or individual therapy for 120 days to allow the city to work with Mahtomedi.

The city needs a resolution to pass the interim ordinance.

Baglio moved to adopt the interim ordinance, resolution 22-02. Parent read the resolution. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Currently the city does not require a form for business licenses. It would be helpful to have a form that is filled out by the applicants containing the necessary information about the business.

Melissa handed out the business license information for review by the council.

### **CHARLES HRDLIEKN BUSINESS LICENSE**

Mr. Hrdliekn attended the council meeting to request a business license for his wife to operate as a massage therapist on Stillwater Road. Parent explained that a moratorium was just passed on massage licenses in the city. At this time a license cannot be issued for 120 days.

Mr. Hrdliekn may request a license after the ordinance on massage therapists has been approved. He will check back with the city in a few months.

### **HANNA O’CONNOR – 501 PADDINGTON**

Hanna is requesting a permit to replace the rotting retaining wall in front of her house at 501 Paddington. She would like some guidance from the council on what is allowed by the city since the retaining wall is close to the road. The new wall will be in the same place replaced by brick.

The council explained if the retaining wall is installed in the same place there should not be a problem.

Soderlund moved to approve Hanna O’Connor’s retaining wall on the information presented to be completed this weekend. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

The proposed changes to the building permits will be discussed at a special meeting to be held one hour prior to the regular city council meeting on May 18, 6:00 p.m.

### **OEVERING HOMES**

Jeff – the production manager and Amanda the manager attended the meeting via Zoom.

Rice Creek has been contacted and they are waiting for the permit from Rice Creek. The sites follow the regulations issued by Rice Creek. The drainage is also part of the Rice Creek permit.

The setbacks are from the road according to the surveyor. The setback is from the city property line, the edge of the road.

The building inspector approved the site plan, and the excavators made a road, connecting the driveway to an existing road.

Parent explained that when the sellers came to the city they asked for a short extension of the road. There was some black-top on the road and extension was approved to have a driveway to the house at the expense of the builder. There was no conversation concerning the drainage on the road to keep the road from sliding down the hill.

Jeff said a retaining wall will be installed to keep the road intact. The council is concerned because the lower side of the retaining wall will be on the neighbor’s property.

Parent suggested a review of the plans by the city engineer before proceeding any further with the excavation.

### **BONDING REQUEST**

Rick reviewed the bids submitted from Marcus, the city engineer, and he believes Sherman Lumber will meet the needs of the city for the maintenance building.

Once the building is built, the state funds will be released, Miller will install the plumbing.

Parent moved to accept the bid from Sherman Lumber. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

DeJong asked if the company does the actual work or if they contract it out. Marcus explained they are a licensed contractor, registered through the state.

### **YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES**

The council will be walking through the city as the weather continues to improve. There is nothing new currently to report on violations.

The Malkowski hearing is due to take place in May.

### **RICK REPORT**

There was a water main break on Friday. The line is on Chatham that goes into Robert. Rick turned the water off, but it only affected the Mahtomedi houses on Robert. It has been fixed and the cost at this time is unknown.

The leaf vac has not been out yet, but Rick is hoping to pick up the leaves next week, weather permitting.

### **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating  
Clerk-Treasurer