

**CITY OF WILLERNIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Parent, Soderlund, DeJong, Siver, Baglio, Attorney-Susannah Torseth, Officer Jarrett and Clerk-Vickie Keating via Zoom.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Baglio moved to accept the agenda as presented, Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF**

Officer Jarrett was present via Zoom, and he reported the papers have been served to Tveit and Palmer. There was a parking problem at 200 Warner where cars were parked in the intersection. The issue was resolved and Officer Jarrett was going to suggest no parking signs for Willernie but since the passing of Rick that issue can wait.

Mr. Teague, the resident at 200 Warner, explained that guest do not have anywhere to park when they are having a family get together. He asked if the vehicles were parked illegally and if not, why is this an issue.

Parent explained that it is a visibility issue on the corner for the vehicles. Baglio also explained that turning off Warner is a narrow turn lane and if a car is parked there, it becomes an issue.

The resident feels the parking should be addressed in a reasonable manner instead of the officer knocking on their door when there is a problem. He would like to make the road one way and he realizes he is a resident of Mahtomedi and not Willernie so he doesn't feel his opinion will be considered.

Officer Jarrett explained the ordinances saying parking that blocks vision is where the problem occurs. He does not think it will be a problem unless they park too close to the intersection.

Parent thanked Mr. Teague and asked him to be considerate of the visibility as it concerns the drivers.

Officer Jarrett believes if they park past the curve, it is acceptable and signs might help with this problem.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 1600, 1400 AND 204.010**

The city council meeting was suspended at 7:20 p.m. and the public hearing was opened on ordinance 1600, 1400 and 204.010.

Parent read the ordinance publication and asked for discussion on these ordinances.

There was no discussion on the ordinances.

The public hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

The city council meeting resumed at 7:24 p.m.

Baglio moved to approve ordinance 1600, 1400 and 204.010 followed by a resolution on these ordinances. Soderlund seconded the motion, and the ordinances were approved.

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING**

Baglio moved to accept the November minutes as pre-read. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public comments were heard under the Washington County Sheriff report.

**TYLER RUSS**

Baglio explained that the trailer on Tyler's property cannot be used to store debris. The property needs to be cleaned up and the ordinances are going to be enforced. Construction debris affects the property values of adjoining properties. This is a residential area and is not zoned for business.

Tyler wants to make sure vehicles fit with the number allowed in the city and there is adequate parking space for these vehicles. The ordinance reads 4 vehicles are allowed in the yard.

Baglio and Soderlund explained the fences are falling down and need to be repaired. Tyler apologized and said he does not like to have problems with the renters and he hasn't been as demanding as he should have been as a landlord.

DeJong would like Tyler to take more ownership of this property. He is the owner of the property and should want to keep the property values increased to protect his investment.

Tyler would like to maintain ownership of the rental property and when the renters move, he will renovate the house. The income is necessary for his family and he explained the renovation on the property after the last renter moved was \$10,000 for the landscaping. He doesn't bother the tenants, however, the council suggested Tyler check on the property at regular intervals.

The council thanked Tyler for attending the meeting.

### **TOOLS FOR THE CITY**

The city has very few tools, due to the fact that Rick used his personal tools for the equipment. Since the city is in need of tools, Parent thought the Legion might help finance the purchase of some of the tools. She would like to send a request to the Legion asking for help with this issue if the council is in agreement.

Parent read the letter she had prepared for the Legion request to the council.

All council members were in agreement that asking for help from the Legion is a good idea.

### **GRANTS**

Parent explained that the city needs someone to start looking for grants for the city. She asked if any council members would be interested in pursuing grants that the city could apply for in the future.

### **NIGHT SKY LIGHTING**

The new street lights help with the night sky lighting, however, there is a push to have communities help with the lighting to improve night driving.

Parent asked the council to think about this issue and if anyone is interested in pursuing it to contact her.

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

The house on Chatham has not be labeled a church as of this date.

The council does not know who to send the violations too and who actually owns this property. The concern is if this property is rented or not and what the standing is on this property.

Susannah will research this property and report back to the council.

### **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 8:18 p.m. DeJong seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating  
Clerk-Treasurer