

**CITY OF WILLERNIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Parent, Siver, Baglio, Soderlund, DeJong, Attorney-Susannah Torseth,  
Ken Johnson-Maintenance Superintendent and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Night sky lighting was added under old business. After the addition Siver moved to approve the agenda, Baglio seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF**

Officer Jarrett informed the council that the juvenile issues have lessened in Willernie, however, the residents should still keep the vehicles locked.

A fatality of a juvenile due to an overdose was reported in Willernie during June.

Officer Jarrett asked if there were any concerns from the council other than the usual stop sign violations. Nothing new was reported at the June meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Becky Becker is concerned about 308 Paddington running a business. She is also concerned about 601 Stewart having garbage in the front of the house and she contacted Baglio to complain about the accumulation of the trash at this residence. This is an ongoing problem, and she would like it addressed.

Kelly O'Neil is concerned about the farrow cats. They seem to be multiplying and would like to know what can be done about this problem.

The city will contact the animal control person and ask if there is anything that can be done about the cats.

Ms. O'Neil would also like the resident that is feeding the cats to stop feeding them.

**REPRESENTATIVE PATTI ANDERSON**

Patti Anderson introduced herself to the council and explained she lives in Dellwood. She also discussed the trail and the extra bonding money spent on the trail.

She has met with cities that touch the lakes and would like some input from the councils on their concerns or issues regarding the cities she represents.

Parent asked about help with Willernie's lift station and explained that Willernie does not usually qualify for grants due to the size of the city. If anything can be done to help with the lift station, the city would be extremely grateful.

Patti will look into grants and funds available to improve the lift station and contact the city when information becomes available.

### **NEW ORDINANCE DISCUSSION**

In April a request was made concerning the sale of hemp in the city. The council determined that research needed to be done before any license could be issued for the sale of CBD products in the city.

A store was opened in Willernie without a business license and so it was closed down.

In the meantime, the council has been doing due diligence and an ordinance was reviewed and drafted.

The other issue that became apparent was the business license is inadequate for this procedure concerning the CBD.

No action can be taken tonight because the public hearing on the ordinance will need to be posted and take place before the ordinance is passed by the city.

The ordinance was discussed and Siver is unsure of the 500 feet rule that might outlaw cannabinoid products in the downtown area.

Soderlund reminded the council that just because the product is legal it does not mean it is safe and an application process for the businesses needs to be reviewed.

### **MIKE ALTIMIMI BUSINESS LICENSE**

Parent explained that Mr. Altimimi needs a business license. Mr. Altimimi believed that he had the license because he obtained a tobacco license from the county and since the county did not challenge the license, he would like approval from the city for a business license.

It was explained that all businesses in Willernie must obtain a business license before opening the business. The tobacco license is obtained from the county; however, the business license is issued by the city.

Mr. Altimimi apologized for the confusion and said he did not mean to cause any problems in the city, he just misunderstood the licensing.

Mr. Altimimi's paperwork that was submitted on June 11<sup>th</sup> was reviewed and it was determined that the paperwork was incomplete and needed to be reviewed and resubmitted to the city with the correct information.

Susannah explained the 60-day rule to approve or deny the application and that is why it needs to have the correct information on it.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2023 MEETING**

Baglio explained that Kelly O'Neill has five vehicles instead of the allowed 4 per ordinance. This will be changed in the May minutes to reflect the correct number of vehicles.

After the correction was made Baglio moved to approve the minutes, Soderlund seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

### **KEN JOHNSON**

Parent reviewed the estimate to repair the old truck and since the city doesn't really need two trucks anymore, Ken suggested selling the old truck and if a backup is needed, Ken can use his vehicles.

The street sweeper doesn't have any brakes and has some other problems. The estimate at this time for repair is \$2200. Ken suggested having a company come in and sweep the streets once a year. Ken will check with these companies and report back to the council.

Parent moved to sell the second truck and the street sweeper. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ken explained the new bids from Schifsky's and recommended approving Schifsky's second bid including Charing, Milford and the apron on the new building.

Baglio moved to accept the second bid from Schifsky's. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **PERMIT FOR 407 KINDROSS**

Parent moved to approve the permit submitted for underground work for Comcast on Kindross. Siver seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **STORM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL HEARING**

The city council meeting was suspended at 8:40 p.m. to begin the hearing on the storm water pollution control.

There were no questions asked about the storm water pollution control in the city, so the council meeting resumed at 8:45 p.m.

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

108 Chatham, 317 Milford, 313 Wildwood Road are all working on cleaning up the area.

313 Mitchell has a hanging tree branch.

Oeverning Homes put the driveway in, however, the grass will be planted when the weather is cooperative.

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Patrick is working on the food and the golf course has reduced fees. Volunteers are needed for the August 12<sup>th</sup> golf tournament.

### **GRANTS AND TRASH**

There is an application for the local road improvement program, which Marcus will check into for the city.

### **DARK SKY**

Siver presented a sheet with information on the dark sky lighting that will be inserted in the water bills with the newsletter for the residents to review.

### **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, Parent seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating  
Clerk-Treasurer