

CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2024

PRESENT: Parent, DeJong, Siver, Attorney-Susannah Torseth, Legal Clerk-Tori Kelm, and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

ABSENT: Baglio, Soderlund and Maintenance Superintendent Ken Johnson.

AGENDA

Rice Creek grant was added to new business.

After the addition was made Siver moved to approve the agenda, DeJong seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING

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

KEN REPORT

Due to Ken's absence Mayor Parent explained that the snowplowing is covered for the snow expected on Thursday and Ken will return before Sunday to cover the next storm predicted for the area.

AUDIT REVIEW

Parent explained that there is a video from Justin if anyone is interested in watching it. She also explained the profit and loss statements for the city that show Willernie has sound financial practices in place.

Each graph for the utilities was reviewed with the council showing profit for this year.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Siver would like to check into hosting an ice cream social in Willernie Park. This would take place with Mahtomedi, Grant and Dellwood if possible. It could be a community hub and would be hosted in spring or summer.

Parent explained the previous Willernie picnics where hot dogs were served, and residents brought dishes to share. However, the picnic was small and due to the lack of numbers attending the city discontinued the tradition.

There have been some new families moving into the city so they might generate interest in a community event. Parent would be delighted if Siver took charge of this event.

DeJong would like to have Willernie Park utilized with more use and suggested combining an event with National Night Out.

Siver asked about the possibility of a Food Truck attending the event and if so, what permits would be necessary for this event.

Susannah suggested contacting Washington County Health Inspectors to make sure the food trucks are allowed and what restrictions are required to have the trucks at an event. Parent also suggested contacting Mahtmedi since they have food trucks at the District Office during the summer.

Siver will check with the county and try to set some tentative dates up for the event. She will report back to the council on the project.

107 CROCUS

There is a problem with 107 Crocus because the street sign says McGregor and the resident has trouble with UPS and package drops.

Parent suggested a double sign with McGregor and Crocus.

It was suggested that the address be changed, however, this will need to be discussed with the county before anything can be done.

Parent will contact the Washington County Zoning Office.

STEVE WOLGAMONT TRAIL

Mahtomedi approached Parent about funds for a memorial to Steve Wolgamont. Mr. Wolgamont was active in the installation of the bike trail in Mahtomedi. There are some funds available so the City of Mahtomedi would like to discuss the funds with the downtown owners and come up with ideas for a memorial for Mr. Wolgamont.

384 WARNER AVE. NORTH

384 Warner is a rental, however, the owner led the city to believe he was the resident, and has not applied for a rental license or checked on the process since purchasing the property.

Susannah will send a letter to the owner explaining the process for a rental license and his violation.

GIS AGREEMENT

Marcus explained the GIS program will be very helpful with the water and sewer lines, but it needs to be updated and maintained. There is a grant that will pay for the agreement, but the council needs to approve this agreement before Marcus can proceed.

The council agreed to have Marcus move forward with the grant for the GIS agreement.

RICE CREEK GRANT

Parent thanked Marcus for obtaining the grant from Rice Creek for the storm drain by Craig Place.

A motion to allow the signature for the Rice Creek Grant with attorney approval was made by Parent, DeJong seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Marcus informed the council that funding for the lift station from start to finish is a three-year process.

REPORT ON CLYDE AND CRAIG PLACE

110 Craig – the communication on the foreclosure has begun. The closing date has officially changed to July. There has not been a 60-day noncompliance of the maintenance agreement from the bank at this time. Susannah would like an agreement signed by the bank, or new owner so the city can complete the work.

There was a response from the bank concerning the agreement, however, they were in the process of obtaining their own estimate for the work to be done.

111 Clyde – Prospective owners are informed, the attorney for Overning Homes would like to complete this project. Jack left an email for Susannah, and she will follow up on it tomorrow.

RENTAL VIOLATION 316 CHATHAM

The letters were sent out, the Secretary of State came back and was resent. The city should receive information from the Secretary of State when the owners are notified.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

Parent suggested discussing some of the violations with the property owners before sending the violation letters. If the property owners do not cooperate then the violation letters should be

sent.

DeJong sent an ordinance violation to 413 Warner, Parent discussed this with the owner and all the requests in the violation have been addressed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Parent moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Siver seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer