

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

PRESENT: Parent, Miller, Siver, Baglio, Soderlund, Attorney-Susannah Torseth, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

AGENDA: Miller moved to approve the agenda, Siver seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Benjamin Ham and Edward Jensen spoke during the public comments concerning the lots owned by Jensen on Clyde. There are six lots for sale, and they were inquiring about the number of homes that can be built on this property.

The Mayor explained that you need 6400 square feet for each house with 20 feet from the streets and 5 feet from the property lines. One lot has a grass driveway and that would need to be a normal driveway and there is a City Road that has not been completed next to this driveway, but it is still a City Road.

Two lots are needed to build one house so if all the lots are accessible, they could build three houses if the setbacks were met.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Washington County Officers passed out brochures concerning the training procedures for officers the public can attend to learn the process in Washington County.

Carl Rice introduced himself as the new officer in Willernie. Carl explained that deputy Stringer talked to the resident on Leeds with the vehicles and he was having company that day so there were extra cars in the driveway. They will check on the number of regular vehicles at this residence and let the City know the status.

There were nothing out of the ordinary during the last thirty days in Willernie. The officers in Willernie were normal calls during the month. The Officers then asked the Council if there were any concerns in the City.

The Council explained that the four-way stops are notorious for vehicles not stopping in the City. Chatham has a four way stop at the top and bottom of the street where cars do not stop.

The officers will pass this information along to the other officers and watch for offenders in Willernie.

JEFF MEYER – 217 KINDROSS

Jeff Meyer works for Remax and is interested in purchasing 217 Kindross. He requested the facts on the variance for this property.

The Mayor explained the variance and showed Mr. Meyer the picture of the footprint of a house that would be acceptable for building on the property.

Mr. Meyer thanked the Council for the information on the property and he will confer with his client on this issue.

CABLE EXTENSION

Tim Finnery from the Cable attended the meeting to explain that Willernie is part of the North Suburban Commission. The Commission prepares the cable franchise to present to the Councils in the Commission. The franchise was granted in 1999 with some extensions and the Commission has been trying to work out the cable franchise for some time.

The resolution to not approve the Comcast Cable Franchise does not mean Comcast will not get the renewal but it helps in the finalization of the proposal. The resolution is a preliminary solution, not permanent and will not prevent negotiations with Comcast.

Hopefully, this will be resolved by August maybe sooner.

A motion to approve the extension of the contract was made by Miller, Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A motion to pass the resolution not to extend the contract was made by Miller, Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Mayor explained the agreement with the Sheriff's Office, emergency services and the 911 calls.

A motion to approve the joint powers agreement with the Sheriff's Office was made by Soderlund, Siver seconded the motion and the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing on Ordinance 300, 400, Section 501.230 and 502.010 was opened at 7:57 p.m. No residents attended the hearing on this ordinance.

Parent moved to approve the Ordinance as published, Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

General meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.,

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

Tschetter – Mr. Tschetter did not apply for the building permit as required and due to this the road was vacated, however, legal fees would be very expensive if the case was taken to court so the recommendation of the attorney is to simply drop the matter.

The rest of the yards in question will be reviewed March.

GRANTS

Miller talked to Peter Fischer's assistant and he is going to check on the process of the grants for Willernie. He will be in touch with Miller possibly next week.

RICK REPORT

Everything in the City is running smoothly.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Soderlund moved to approve the bills, Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer