

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 20, 2020**

VIA ZOOM

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Park was added under Rick Report and after that addition Miller moved to approve the agenda, Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed with all the Council Members voting yes on the approval.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2020 MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the minutes for the April 2020 meeting as pre-read. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed with all the Council Members voting yes to the approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kimberly Olson zoomed in to discuss the letter she received about the violations in her yard. She would like to know if the neighbors complained about the yard and Parent explained the committee inspected the whole City and no neighbors complained. This is a routine inspection done every year. Baglio also thanked Kimberly for all the work that has been done at 402 Stewart since the letter was sent.

Cheryl Malkowski – 318 Berkeley, called in to explain the vehicle in the yard is sold. The bricks are being moved. Cheryl will work with Diane, Tammy and Kate on the articles in the yard and a plan will be made to clean up the area.

Brian Sundquist – 511 South Warner also called in about the accumulation of junk and lumber that has been removed. The tree limbs are still there but will be removed. He is working on the wood rack and the rest of the area will be cleaned up. Baglio thanked Brian for cleaning up the area and letting the Council know about his clean up.

VOLUNTEER DAY

The Committee that inspected the City was considering a volunteer day to help the seniors in Willernie that need yard work done but are not physically able to work on the yards.

The Committee is considering the Boy Scouts or an organization that might be willing to help if they are contacted.

Louise Kapaun and Mr. Jensen are seniors that need help with the debris and brush so if anyone knows of an organization or a group in the City that would be willing to work on the yards of seniors, please contact Baglio, Soderlund or Siver.

Baglio also explained that the Environment Center is open and running and there are some companies that will take the brush plus Schifsky's will take concrete blocks for a minimal fee.

The information on the companies will be put on the website.

DRAIN ON FAVERSHAM

The drain on Faversham was put on the property when Mahoney's owned the property that was sold in tax forfeiture. The pipe was destroyed when the new house was built on the property where Mahoney's old house was standing.

The excavating on the new house filled the pipe with mud and dirt and if the pipe was under the road it would flow into the yard and the new house.

Baglio asked Rick what could be done about this problem and Soderlund asked why the county sold the lots separately.

Parent explained that the county did not listen to the City when they were asked to sell the lots together and not separate them. This property was auctioned off in separate parcels so the Capuzzi's purchased the lot adjoining their property and Sam Tachney purchased the property where the new house was built.

Parent will discuss the drain with Rick and other options for this year, then put it on the radar for future years.

Susannah suggested contacting the City Engineer and Rice Creek Watershed before any plans on the drain are made.

STREET SCAPE

Parent attended a meeting with Mahtomedi and the Streetscape Committee to discuss options on County 12.

Mahtomedi is suggesting \$9,000 worth of product to make the area look better. They would like banners, benches, and planters.

Soderlund thinks this is a good idea but not at this time due to economic hardships. It is a possibility in the future with the help of a fund raiser or some planning.

Parent explained the bonding bill where she requested funds for the City and hopefully Willernie is still in the running. The bill has not been voted on by the Legislature so it will be discussed in future sessions.

Parent also discussed funding in the future with Betty McCollum. She has a hero's act bill that would help the cities not receiving funds due to the virus. There is a possibility the state will receive funds to be distributed to the cities when this bill is passed.

Parent will keep the Council posted as to the status of the bill.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

Soderlund has drafted a spread sheet on the houses in violation that received notices. The committee went through the City three different times, and then pictures were sent with notices and mailed to the residents.

Thirteen residents have completed the cleanup. Twenty four people have responded to the notices and made a plan of action. This includes the residents that joined the Zoom meeting during public comments.

Tveit, 203 Chatham. A motion to proceed with prosecution on violations was made by Soderlund, seconded by Baglio. The motion to proceed with prosecution passed with the entire Council voting yes on the motion.

Soderlund moved to serve Josh Hague, 312 Warner with notice of violation May 21, 2020 and if nothing is resolved in 14 days this will go to prosecution. Siver seconded the motion and the motion passed with each Council member voting yes to the motion.

Jeff Olson – 318 Kimberly. Soderlund moved to serve Jeff Olson with a notice of violation on May 21, 2020, if nothing is resolved in 14 days this will go to prosecution. Siver seconded the motion and the motion passed with each Council member voting yes.

Brad Patraw – 317 Wildwood Road. Soderlund moved to serve Brad Patraw a notice of violation on May 21, 2020 if nothing is resolved in 14 days this will go to prosecution. Siver seconded the motion and the motion passed with all Council members voting yes.

Terry Patraw – 317 Milford. Solderlund moved to serve Terry Patraw a notice of violation on May 21, 2020 if nothing is resolved in 14 days this will go to prosecution. Siver seconded the motion and the motion passed with all Council members voting yes.

GRANTS

The bonding bill is currently in limbo and will be brought up again in the next session.

The Legion is donating \$1000 to the City.

RICK REPORT

The bid from Schifsky's for \$53,942 to overlay Warwick, Chatham and Paddington was discussed along with the bid of \$55,958 from Asphalt Restoration Co. Inc.

Miller moved to approve the bid from Schifsky's for the overlay. Parent seconded the motion and the motion passed by the entire Council voting yes.

Milnar Park needs the tables cleaned and painted. Parent and Klein cleaned the sandbox and Parent will set up a power wash to clean the tables.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Miller moved to approve the bills. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed with the complete Council voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed with the complete Council voting yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer