

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

PRESENT: Parent, Siver, Miller, Soderlund, Baglio, Attorney's Viet Hahn and Andrea McAlpine, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Miller moved to accept the agenda as presented, Baglio seconded the motion and all council members present voted yes to approve the motion.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the October 2020 minutes as pre-read, Soderlund and Miller seconded the motion. All council members present voted yes to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the November meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES #700, 800 AND 900

The City Council meeting was closed to open the public hearing on ordinances #700, 800 and 900.

The ordinances were read and discussed by the council. No residents were present at the public hearing.

The public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

The City Council resumed and a motion to accept the ordinances as published was made by Miller. Baglio seconded the motion and all council member present voted yes to approve the motion.

CANVASS THE POLLS FROM GENERAL ELECTION

The process of canvassing the polls was explained to the Council members and the numbers on the canvass submitted to the City by Washington County was read to the Council.

A resolution to approve the canvass of the polls from the 2020 General Election was made by Parent. Siver seconded the motion and all council members present voted yes to approve the resolution.

DUANE HOLMBERG/ROAD VACATION

Susannah will review the road vacation and make sure the notice of conclusion is done on the property.

MIKE HENRY

Parent explained Mike Henry's rental and the discussion that took place with Mike earlier this year. The Council explained that ordinances were being reviewed and the City was considering a limit to rental houses and they would contact him when the ordinances were complete, to discuss the decisions made.

Mr. Henry then turned the house into a triplex, was not truthful with the building inspector as explained by Jack Kramer and no rental license has been issued for this residence. The house has not been rezoned to be a multiple family dwelling and the rezoning process has not been applied for at this time.

The tenants have been in contact with the mayor and explained that there is no noise barrier between the apartments and all sounds can be heard in the house from each section. The police have been called due to the noise, but nothing has been resolved.

Viet-Hanh explained that the Council decides on the process. If this is not a rental property, then it stays non rental. If it is a rental all paperwork needs to be completed before it can be rented.

Ordinances do not allow multiple family residences in a single-family residence without a special use permit. This is already being done without permission. The City can criminally prosecute or have civil litigation.

If the City chooses criminal prosecution – violating zoning ordinances, the sheriff can issue a citation and can go to criminal court.

The Civil route would probably be a better solution. The ordinance shows clearly what is allowed and what has not been done properly. The court will explain the violation to Mr. Henry, and he will be required to stop what he is doing. The court would reinforce prohibiting the rental. The City could possibly redeem monetary damages due to the legal fees.

The Mayor summarized that there is no rental license on this property, the owner did not apply for rezoning or a rental license.

The first step is to send a letter to Mr. Henry explaining he is violation and needs to immediately stop or the City will take the necessary steps required to stop the violations.

Viet-Hanh will send a letter and she will be the point of contact with Mr. Henry.

A motion requiring Viet-Hanh to send Mr. Henry a notice of violation was made by Siver. Miller and Baglio seconded the motion and all council members present voted yes to approve the motion.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management has purchased Advanced Solutions and the contract with Willernie for trash service. Parent will review the contract with the clerk and report back to the Council in December.

DECIBEL READER

Siver has not purchased the decibel reader yet but she will order it next week.

BONDING INFORMATION

A representative for the Grant contacted the City. As soon as Parent has all the information from the state she will report to the Council.

Parent also thanked Miller for the work he has done on this bonding bill that the state passed for the City of Willernie.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

The process for the yards in violation is step one a letter is sent with pictures and ordinance number violations to the resident. Step 2 is the second letter giving 30 days to correct the violation. Step 3 the sheriff is notified, given copies of the violations and asked to issue tickets to the residents if violations have not been corrected.

There are possibly seven violations ready to be turned over to the sheriff. Soderlund will coordinate with Baglio and Vickie on the seven this week.

GRANTS

Miller sent out inquiries to FEMA on funding but has not heard anything from them at this time.

RICK REPORT

There was a water main break on Saturday in front of Parent's house. It was fixed and a good job was done by everyone. The road was repaired on Tuesday, so everything is back to normal.

The leaf vac is done for this year, the plow is on the truck for winter and everything is running smoothly.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Miller moved to approve the bills, Soderlund seconded the motion and all council members present voted yes to approve the bills.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m., Siver seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned after Parent thanked Viet-Hanh and Andrea.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer