

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2020
VIA ZOOM**

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING

Baglio moved to approve the September minutes as pre-read, Siver seconded the motion and all council members present voted yes to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at October meeting.

INSURANCE WAIVER

Parent moved to not waive the monetary limits on the municipal tort liability, Miller seconded the motion and all council members present voted yes to approve the motion.

DUANE HOLMBERG

The question is on a platted roadway; however, Mr. Holmberg did not attend the meeting and Susannah will do some research before the November meeting.

ROMA UPDATE/DECIBELS

Siver has researched the decibel reader and the City could purchase one for under \$50.00.

Siver described the three models that she researched but the \$50 model seems to be the one the City should consider purchasing.

Miller agrees that the \$50 one is a good idea, and it connects to a computer so that is going to be helpful.

Parent moved to order the decibel reader that is \$50.00. Miller seconded the motion and all council members present voted yest to approve the motion.

RENTAL LICENSES

Jack Kramer, the building inspector, explained that inspecting the rental houses every year is to often. He is not looking at how the occupants are handling the residence, however, he works with the landlords to keep them in good condition.

Other municipalities set up escrow accounts to fund for court cases when there are problems with the rentals. The house does not change much in a year unless there is a fire or water damage.

Soderlund suggested charging \$100 for the rental license every other year with \$75 dollars going to Jack for his services.

Jack has discussed the house on Chippenham with Mike Henry and as far as he knows Mike's son is living there, and no other units have been rented.

The Council asked Jack about the structure on the rentals every other year for inspections. The ordinances outline the specifications on the upkeep of the rental houses.

Baglio would like to increase the rental fees to incorporate the administrative time and work on the rentals.

A motion to increase the rental licenses every other year to \$100 was made by Miller. Soderlund seconded the motion and all council members present voted yes to approve the motion.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

The house on Stewart has many piles of debris that needs to be cleaned up. Is this house a rental or does the owner live in it? They have received an ordinance violation with no reply. They are not abiding by the ordinances. Baglio believes a notice of ordinance violation was sent in May.

Soderlund will review the list and send out the violations this week and then the City will proceed with the steps if the area is not cleaned up.

GRANTS

Parent explained the bonding bill was passed by the legislature and the City is going to receive \$160,000 but the City needs direction on how it can be spent. Parent met with Wiger and Fischer to write a resolution for the needs in Willernie and a resolution was written by them and presented to the legislature after she testified to the needs in the City. Now that the bill has passed the City will be required to spend it as it is directed by legislature. Senator Wiger and Fischer are working with Parent on the guidelines of the bond and she will report back to the Council in November.

Siver explained that Facebook thought the City was spending \$160,000 on the roof of City Hall. This is not true and a roof for City Hall would not cost that much. Residents in Willernie did not understand the bonding bill so hopefully this will clear up the confusion.

Parent explained that a list was made by the City on the things the City needs and cannot afford at the present time and the roof was one of the items on the list. The maintenance building was included along with the work on County 12.

Miller has another possibility for a grant through the White Bear Lake Foundation and he waiting to hear from them.

RICK REPORT

Everything has been cleaned, sewers are done, and hydrants flushed. The leaves are questionable at this time, if the weather cooperates, they will be picked up in the next few weeks.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer