

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2021**

PRESENT: Parent, DeJong, Baglio, Soderlund, Attorney, Laurann Kirschner, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

ABSENT: Siver

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fines for utilities was added to the agenda, then Baglio moved to approve the agenda with the addition, Soderlund seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. to begin the public meeting on ordinance 200, 1000, and 1100.

There was an explanation of the ordinance changes in the above chapters, no questions were presented during the public hearing.

The public hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

THE COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED AT 7:08 P.M.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 200, 1000 AND 1100

Baglio moved to approve ordinance 200, 1000 and 1100 as revised and discussed at the public hearing. Soderlund seconded the motion, and the ordinances were approved.

BUSINESS LICENSE FOR MATS LUDWIG BUILDING

DeJong explained that he stopped in the building on Stillwater Road where a fitness business is set up. DeJong inquired about the business license for the city. The owner has not approached the council for approval of a license as of this date.

The city will contact the business owner and Mats, the building owner about the unapproved business license.

REINSTATEMENT OF UTILITY FINES

There has been a moratorium on the utility fines due to COVID, however, it is time to reinstate the fines for past due utility bills in the city.

Soderlund moved to reinstate the fine on the utilities as previously done with 10% of the total unpaid bill as the fine. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

IRWIN VARIANCE HEARING

The city council meeting closed at 7:10 p.m. to open the Irwin variance hearing.

Tyler Irwin installed a 6-foot privacy fence on Faversham. His house is located on the corner of Paddington and Faversham. The address is 430 Paddington. The fence is not 20 or 10 feet from the existing street, causing the violation and request for removal of said fence.

Mr. Irwin replaced a wire fence with the privacy fence, so he did not think he was in violation of city ordinances. However, the old fence did not cause issues with visibility on the road and the other problem is the snow plow will have trouble getting through the street with the existing privacy fence in place.

Rick explained if the fence was 6 feet from the road the plow could get through the street without hitting the fence.

Mr. Irwin can move the privacy fence back to 6 feet from the road, change the fence to a chain link fence or take it down. These were the options given to Mr. Irwin.

Variance hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENES AT 7:26 P.M.

Baglio moved to have Mr. Irwin move the six-foot fence in two feet. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

All council members voted yes to have the variance request the privacy fence sit 6 feet from the road except for DeJong who abstained from the vote.

KENMARE STREET VACATION

Laurann will check on the paperwork associated with the Kenmare Street Vacation. The legal descriptions need to be filed at the county recorder's office.

After discussing the Kemare Street Vacation Emily Sranl inquired about the line that is down on Leeds and Chatham. It was explained that Xcel is replacing the poles and will notify Century Link and Comcast when that work is completed.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The Conditional Use Permit was tabled until the November meeting.

MIKE HENRY REPORT

Mr. Henry's tenant has moved out of the house on Warner and the house on Chippenham is empty.

BONDING REQUEST

Parent explained that she is meeting with Les and Rick Monday morning to review the paperwork on the bond before sending it to the state. After the state releases the funds, the city will require bids on the project before proceeding with the building.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Melissa Miroslavich reviewed the animal control information submitted to the city and discovered that the company does not meet state rules. They need a kennel license in the state of Minnesota which they are applying for, and they also need a dangerous dog certification.

There is an alternative offer from Brit Harmon for the City of Willernie concerning direct pay from the owners of the animals. Ms. Harmon will be invited to the November meeting to answer questions from the council.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

Connie and Al Langseth, 307 Wildwood Road, presented pictures of their yard to show how the rain washes out the grass and flowers in their yard since the new catch basin was done on Wildwood Road.

It was explained that the catch basin was lowered to correct the problem, but Al said the curb was taken out causing water to rush over their yard.

The second issue with the Langseth's is the shed that needs to be removed from their property.

They cannot have this done until next year and they have decided to build a garage at that time.

After much discussion Mr. Langseth said some blocks have been taken out on a wall behind their house. The City did not remove the blocks, so it was suggested replacing the rock and working with the neighbor on this issue to solve the water problem in their yard.

The catch basin was deepened, and it seems to be doing the job it was designed to do.

Cheryl Malkowski – moved the copper and cement. Someone is coming to remove the truck in the next month. Another hearing is set for December to make sure the property has been cleaned up.

RICK REPORT

There is one bid for the roof on City Hall and that is for \$22,500.

Parent moved to approve the bid for the City Hall roof, Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed. This work should be done as soon as possible due to the oncoming winter months.

The dock is out, fire hydrants will be flushed, and Rick is still picking up leaves as long as the weather cooperates.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer