

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

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

AGENDA

Baglio moved to approve the agenda as presented, DeJong seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2021 MINUTES

DeJong moved to approve the August minutes as pre-read, Siver seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

STAN KARWOSKI

Commissioner Karwoski joined the meeting via Zoom to explain the plaque that was presented to Willernie on the County 12 project. Commissioner Karwoski congratulated Willernie for the great job done on the project and was very pleased with Mahtomedi and Willernie for working so well together on the road. This road will benefit both cities for a number of years and the project was affordable due to the diligence of the cities and the county.

There will be more construction in Mahtomedi on County 12 in the next two years and a sidewalk will be added in Grant during that time.

The Commissioner was happy to present the plaque and congratulated the council on the good work.

Parent thanked Stan and expressed her gratitude for the time he spent and the help he gave to the city on the project.

Commissioner Karwoski pointed out that Kevin Peterson was the lead engineer, and he did a great job coordinating the project. Stan wanted to thank everyone that participated in the project and give the engineering team credit for the great job they did on County 12.

EMILY STRANGL

Emily asked about the lines in the road on Chatham and Leeds.

Parent explained that when the power goes out call Xcel and Comcast about the cable disruption. The city has called Xcel and comcast, plus the cable commissioner numerous times but the lines have not been repaired as of this date. Century Link gave the city a ticket number and they were to fix their lines in the next two days.

The residents were told this was not a live wire, however, it is laying on a fence and Xcel came out the past week to deactivate the line. The line has been on the ground for three weeks and this should have been fixed.

Emily explained this is a dangerous situation and would like to know how to fix it. She has called several times, and nothing has been done. Cars are driving over the lines and she feels this is dangerous.

Everyone has done the correct thing, but the lines still have not been fixed. Parent asked for patience from the residents and requested they continue to call so that Xcel will fix the problem.

LIABILITY COVERAGE WAIVER FORM

Parent moved to accept the liability coverage limits of \$2 million from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust and to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Parent suggested tabling the Animal Control information until October until the council reviews the information.

PARK SIGNS

Parent submitted a request to the American Legion to help the city with signs for the parks. The Legion approved the amount so the signs can be ordered for each park.

These signs are aluminum, anti-graffiti coated so they can be easily cleaned.

A motion to approve the signs for the parks was made by Baglio, Siver seconded the motion, and the signs were approved.

YARDS IN VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES

Susannah reviewed the two pre-trails that took place today. Mr. Tschida, who was present at the meeting, was one of them. Mr. Tschida took pictures of the items that have

been removed and he has taken down some trees in the process. Mr. Tschida is trying to clean up his property as he explained to the council. Susannah proposed an affirmative approach, and a dismissal was suggested.

Mr. Tschida apologized for taking so long in the clean up but finding a home for the truck was complicated and took longer than he anticipated.

The second pre-trial was the Langseth property that has two sheds on the property with a fence attached to the shed they are going to remove. Mr. Langseth has two bids for the new fence, but the company is booked out and they cannot do the work until after November. Mr. Langseth is worried about the weather during November and December.

Soderlund would like something in writing to assure the work will be done in the spring or summer. Baglio understands it is difficult to employ workers and is willing to work with the Langseth's because they are trying to clean up the yard. She would agree they can have until August of next year to complete the cleanup. Baglio is happy they have a plan and are willing to work with the city on the cleanup. Baglio would also like a date of completion for the removal of the shed and installation of the fence. Possibly July 1, 2022, would give the Langseth's enough time to complete this work.

The Langseth's also claim the storm sewer goes through their yard. Rick explained the drain was lowered at a cost of \$8,000 to fix the problem in their yard.

Siver reviewed the violations she sent out and three of them have not been completed. There is a car with expired tabs and two cars on grass that have not moved. Siver will forward the violations to the sheriff on 500 Montclair, 411 Dartmoor and 317 Wildwood Rd.

Cheryl Malikowski's pre-trial was moved to October.

Baglio asked Rick to check on the vehicles parked on grass not on hard surfaces. Rick explained that some residents do not have any place else to park their cars.

DeJong asked about expired tabs on vehicles. Susannah explained that there is a state statute concerning expired tabs and the sheriff has every right to issue tickets on expired tabs.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The council is working on the conditional use permit at the present time.

MIKE HENRY REPORT

Susannah reviewed last month's meeting where Mr. Henry's attorney agreed they were going to ask for a variance on the rental license for 413 Warner.

Mr. Stevens called Susannah and said the renter was going to move and now the move is to take place October 1. Mike has agreed to move the tenant by October 1, and he will owe the city \$2,000 as a fine for violations. Mr. Stevens requested a draft of the violation for Mr. Henry's signature.

There is nothing new on the tenant at 312 Chippenham. The council did ask that the city be notified when the tenant at 312 Chippenham leaves the property.

A motion to approve the final review and approval to Mike Henry's agreement was made by Parent. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BONDING REQUEST

Les Mateffy has filled out the forms for the bonding request funds but the price has doubled. Parent is going to meet with Les and Rick to go over the grant and hopefully reduce the cost.

RICK REPORT

Rick had to rewire the generator, there was a water main break on Wildwood Road and Warner and Tom Lodal is going to check on a price for road removal on the beach.

One bid on the roof is \$22,500 and Rick is still waiting for the second bid.

DeJong asked about the gas main that is being installed in Willernie. Parent talked to the workers about the main and once they have installed the gas main the other teams will restore the grass and concrete that has been disturbed.

Park hours will be discussed at the ordinance meeting.

Soderlund is going to represent Willernie at the Greater White Bear Lake Community Foundation. She wanted to make sure this was not a conflict of interest. Parent explained they have helped Willernie previously and is happy Soderlund is going to represent the city.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Siver seconded the motion.

Baglio moved to reopen the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Soderlund seconded the motion, and the meeting was reopened.

THRIVANT FINANCIAL

Thrivant is asking about an open house and blocking Penway for the open house they are planning.

Parent asked if they have communicated with the Fire Department and Sherriff's office. Also they should talk to the neighbors on Penway and their should be access from Sargent so the fire department could get through if necessary.

It will be an outdoor and indoor celebration with a food truck. The date of the event is November 7th.

SECOND ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting after the discussion on Thrivant Financial was made by Soderlund at 8:32 p.m. Siver seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer