

**CITY OF WILLERNIE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2022**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Baglio moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Street Lights under new business and Washington County Sheriff's officer Jared. Soderlund seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 2022 AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one was present for public comments at the July meeting.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Officer Jared explained that the tip jar was stolen from Valerie's during the week and there has been a homeless person in the city, however, the person is receiving help from the county. If any citizen recognizes this homeless person, Officer Jared is asking the residents to notify the sheriff's office.

Susannah received some arraignments for citations on ordinance violations that will be in court soon.

Baglio and Soderlund asked Officer Jared to rescind the citation on 308 Charing. The property has been sold and the shed has been removed so the citation isn't necessary.

Parent inquired about the parking issue along the park. The vehicles have been moved, however, there is a blue and white truck from Milford, and they are parking on the grass. Parent left a note asking them to move the truck back to Milford. Officer Jared will talk to the owner about this truck.

**VARIANCE HEARING**

The council meeting was suspended at 8:14 p.m. to begin the Variance Hearing.

A rental property at 305 Kimberly was sold and the owner did not inform the buyers the rental license did not stay with the property. The new owners are asking for a variance so the renter can continue living on the property.

Mayor Parent explained that when looking at variances you need to look at the uniqueness of the situation, consider humanity and compassion. There is also the hard line saying the rental license doesn't follow and the renter needs to move or the new owners can continue to rent with the rental license until the house is sold again.

The new owners explained they thought the house was in Mahtomedi and checked the ordinances for that City before purchasing the property. Duckwood Corporation purchased this property thinking the license transferred with ownership.

A neighbor of the occupant attended the meeting and explained that the renter is a good neighbor, however, the house is in need of repair and would like the new owners to renovate the house.

Parent explained that the number of rentals was on the rise, so the council decided to limit the rentals in the city. As houses are listed on the market the new owners are told there are no renter licenses available.

This variance is to consider whether the person living in this house can continue to live there and then the council will review the rental license for this property.

Sophia, a neighbor, explained the renter is a great neighbor and she is concerned that if the current renter moves out, the property could become an air b and b or a rental with a large turn around. She appreciates her safe and quiet neighborhood and wants to maintain this neighborhood. The house needs repair signifying that it could become a lower income rental and she is concerned about this prospect.

The new owner will work with the city on a long-term rental and would like to keep the current renter in the house. After the current renter moves the house will be sold as a single-family resident if that is the requirement of the city.

Parent summarized the situation as long as the current resident stays in the house, the rental license will be intact, if this property needs repair the building inspector will be list the necessary repairs. The variance is asking that the resident at 305 Kimberly be allowed to maintain residence and the rental license is based on this renter remaining on the property. If this renter moves the rental license will no longer be in effect.

The variance hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

### **THE COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED**

Any rental license is subject to inspection, and the property needs to pass this inspection.

After much discussion on the subject Siver moved to approve the variance on the long-term renter at 305 Kimberly and the rental license shall continue until such time as the renter no longer lives on the property. Parent seconded the motion.

All council members voted yes except DeJong, who voted no to the motion.

### **STORM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM**

Public Hearing on the Storm Water Pollution began at 8:00 p.m.

There were no residents present for the hearing and no questions were asked about the program.

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED AT 8:05 P.M.**

### **POWELL KOPP APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS LICENSE**

Mr. Kopp is applying for a business license to sell insurance in the building owned by Mats Ludwig. All paperwork applying for the business license was reviewed by the council.

A motion to approve the business license was made by DeJong. Siver seconded the motion, and the license was approved.

### **STEVE VENNEMANN – LOT SPLIT**

Mr. Vennemann owns property on Charing with three lots on Charing and two lots on Paddington. He would like to split the parcel to allow building on the lots facing Paddington.

Rick explained that there is no sewer and water on Paddington and in order to hook water and sewer to this property it would connect to the pipes on Charing. This property is also low land and would need to have fill brought in for building. The owner will also need to check with Rice Creek Watershed about the land to make sure it isn't wetlands.

Susannah explained a survey would be the first step in this process if Mr. Venneman is serious about splitting the lots.

### **BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL**

Parent read through the following business licenses.

Mike Breault  
Mark Ashby Real Estate  
Domino's Pizza  
Lakeside Floral  
Thrivent Financial  
Skyline Cleaners  
O'Leary Hideaway Shop  
Earle of Sandwiches  
Valerie's Asian Cuisine  
Gordy's Steakhouse  
Wildwood Wine and Spirits  
Frigaard's  
Mold Craft  
Roman Market  
Kiel Brothers Ventures  
East Shore Auto  
Full Circle Fitness

Parent moved to approve the above licenses with the submission of completed paperwork. Soderlund seconded the motion, and the licenses were approved.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ELECT STANDAARD ALLOWANCE UNDER ARPA**

Parent read the resolution on ARPA to the council.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Baglio. Siver seconded the motion and the resolution passed.

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ELECTION JUDGES FOR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION**

A motion to approve the resolution for election judges for the primary and general election for 2022 was made by DeJong. Soderlund seconded the motion, and the judges were approved as follows. Primary – Celeste Klein, Jennifer George and Cindy Jacobson. General – Boni Westberg, Boni Swanson, Jennifer George and Cindy Jacobson.

#### **STREETLIGHTS**

Parent reported that Mahtomedi is adding electrical outlets on the poles of the streetlights. Willernie's cost for 7 poles will be \$2566.66.

When the county 12 project was done the first plan was to have a downtown, however, due to cost the plans were changed and a gentleman in Mahtomedi raised money for the lights and part of the long-term plan was to add electricity to the poles so holiday banners could be displayed.

Parent wanted to report to the council so that this amount can be put in the budget for next year.

### **320 WILDWOOD ROAD**

Parent called Century Link and hopefully this problem with the box at 320 Wildwood Road has been fixed.

### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS**

The packets for the conditional use permits will be distributed at the August meeting.

### **YARDS IN VIOLATION**

Baglio reported that citations have been given out and two eliminated.

512 Donegal was served with a citation.

203 Chatham received a citation.

210 Kindross also received a citation.

Susannah will contact Baglio on Monday before the hearings in August.

316 Chatham is still being researched by Susannah. There is a question on the ownership of the property and the report on this property will be given next month. Right now, more information is needed before a decision can be made.

Soderlund asked DeJong about cars parked in the yards. DeJong explained that there is a problem with non-operating vehicles on some properties. Susannah suggested DeJong keep track of the phone calls he receives on these vehicles and the number of times he contacts officer Jared concerning the vehicles.

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Roma is serving lunch; the raffle items are coming in and it is a fun day for all participants.

The city is in need of volunteers if anyone is interested in helping on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **FOOD SCRAPS**

The county is sponsoring the food scrap programs and all residents are encouraged to participate in this program. You can obtain the products through Mahtomedi and turn in the scraps at the Mahtomedi City Hall. In October there will be a garbage hauler that takes the food scraps.

### **ROMA DECIBEL READING**

Siver checked the readings at Roma and explained they are staying in the acceptable range.

### **COUNTY 12 REPORT**

Parent discussed the traffic situation on county 12 with Birchwood and the county commissioner. Birchwood should have discussed the road closing with Willernie, but they contacted Mahtomedi. Apparently, Birchwood can close roads in their city.

Parent will stay in contact with Mahtomedi and Birchwood concerning the roads.

### **ORDINANCES**

DeJong would like to have an ordinance meeting in September to check ordinances and review changes.

Susannah will discuss the September meeting with Laurann and the ordinances to be passed will need to be posted before passing them.

### **RICK REPORT**

Rick presented two bids on the concrete. Parent moved to accept the Eberhard Construction bid for the cement. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The building is empty and coming down next week. Everything else is running smoothly in the city.

### **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating  
Clerk-Treasurer