

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 18, 2022**

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

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Kate Siver, Marcus Johnson – engineer and Oeving Homes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Soderlund moved to approve the agenda with the addition of ordinance change to 401 and 301. DeJong seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2022 MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no residents present with public comments at the May meeting.

PETER SANTI

Mr. Santi drove through a pothole on Warner and asked Paul O’Leary which city to contact concerning the hole in the road. Mr. O’Leary called Mahtomedi and asked for a cone to be placed by the hole to avoid further problems, but they said it was in the city of Willernie and not their responsibility.

Mr. Santi presented pictures of the hole and expressed his concern about the size of the hole.

The mayor explained that a cone was put in the hole on that Friday and Mahtomedi patched the area the next day.

The mayor deferred the issue to the city attorney who explained the council and attorneys learned of the situation the day of the April meeting so the problem could not be addressed at that meeting.

The League of Minnesota Cities has a memorandum on streets saying that cities are responsible for street maintenance, however, the policy is up to the city. There is also a statute that gives the city the right to discretionary action.

Mr. O’Leary called Rick and a cone was placed in the pothole plus it was patched within one legal day. The attorney suggests that the city not pay for the damage to the vehicle due to the variables in road conditions.

The city patches the roads as soon as the mix is ready, and it is warm enough to do so. The freezing and thawing happening this spring has caused the patching to be delayed.

Mr. Santi expressed concern because he was unable to reach the city office when the incident occurred. It was explained that the office is closed on Friday’s and all messages are returned.

The city apologized for the inconvenience but due to policy, the city will not pay the damages incurred on the car when driving through the hole.

BUSINESS LICENSE FORM

The business license form was presented to the council by Susannah and after inspection of the form Parent moved to adopt the business license form. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ORDINANCE CHANGE IN 401-301

DeJong would like to set up an ordinance meeting to codify the violations of the permit process.

Parent asked DeJong to remember the city has had a number of issues requiring legal services and the council should consider the expense involved in special meetings before requesting another one.

It was also explained that the new permits have not been used and it would be wise to wait on another change before moving forward.

The council would like to finish the ordinances before moving onto another area of concern.

The ordinance revision meeting will take place in June and the attorney will review the information presented by DeJong before the discussion.

BUILDING PERMITS

After reviewing the submitted building permit forms, a motion was made by Parent to accept the following forms as revised.

- Building Permit Application
- Solar Energy Systems
- Survey Requirements
- Additions/Garages/Accessory Structures

- Decks
- Demolition
- Interior Remodel
- Land Disturbance Activity
- New Single-Family Home
- Sewer and Water Permit
- Mechanical Permit
- Plumbing Permit

Baglio seconded the motion, and the above forms were approved.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

The conditional use permit was tabled until the June meeting.

MASSAGE ORDINANCE

Susannah distributed information on the proposed massage ordinance for the city.

After reviewing the ordinance Baglio moved to approve ordinance 1003, Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Resolution 22-05 approving the summary of ordinance number 1003 amending city code 1001 to add section 1003 named Special License for Massage Therapists and Massage Business was presented to the council for review.

Soderlund moved to pass resolution 22-05, DeJong seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved.

BONDING REQUEST

When Sherman presented the bid on the maintenance building it did not include prevailing wage for the work added to the bid.

If the shell was built the inside would not be complete so they came back with a bid including insulation. They will construct the building in eight days.

This bid does not include the cement, demolition, sewer or electric.

The covid funds from APRA are \$54,000 that can be used on the building plus the grant from the state and with part of the road budget the city will be able to construct the new maintenance building.

Rick hired an engineer to design the slab for fifteen hundred plus Sherman Builders has an opening in September to construct the building.

A motion to accept the bid by Sherman Builders was made by Baglio. Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Baglio moved to accept the excavating bid from Miller, DeJong seconded the motion and the motion passed.

YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

Baglio distributed a list with addresses in violation of city ordinances. The letters were sent out and the residents have an opportunity to attend the next council meeting or clean up the property.

RICK REPORT

There was a sewer backup on Wildwood Road. A clog in the line by a diaper or disposal wipe caused the backup. There were trees down after the Monday storm causing power to go out until the large pieces of wood could be removed.

The lawnmower was in repair, the roof fell in on the mower. The mower was not repairable, so the city purchased a new one.

The leaf vac is done, the dock in is and the asphalt is going to done at the beach as soon as the weather permits. The asphalt will be removed, and grass seed will be planted to the manhole.

Soderlund will notify the sheriff about the unruly behavior on the beach.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer