

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2022 MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Officer Jarrett attended the meeting and received complaints about 203 Warner and the issue regarding the parking when turning onto Stewart. There are no vehicles in the roadway, but it is a dangerous intersection with traffic. Officer Jarrett will present an ordinance violation on the city's behalf. A letter will be sent to the owner of the property and then tickets can be issued.

Parent explained that Officer Jarrett talked about the vandals in Willernie. There are some individuals that take advantage of unlocked vehicles so make sure you lock them.

Baglio asked if the officer could approach 308 Paddington's owner about the trailer being used as a dumpster parked in the yard. She has talked to the owner twice and nothing has been done about this trailer.

Susannah and Officer Jarrett will coordinate on 203 Chatham.

210 Kindross has moved the van, Baglio is not sure about the trailer.

512 Donegal was in court and there will be a continuance. The file is open on this address and Mr. Winquest until the articles are removed from the property.

Parent thanked Baglio and Soderlund for the hard work they have done on the cleanup in the city.

Parent also thanked Officer Jarrett for his hard work and cooperation.

DAVE AND BECKY BECKER

The Becker's are concerned citizens and have noticed vehicles at 203 Warner, there is construction debris, and a dumpster. There would not be a parking issue except the driveway looks like a dumping zone. The Becker's have tried to talk to the resident; however, this resident doesn't want to engage or discuss the issue.

308 Paddington is a rental owned by Tyler Russ. This is the second renter that ruins the yard. The dumpster is so full there are articles beside the dumpster. The home address is not displayed, the area is overgrown, and a commercial business is being run out of a residential property.

Susannah asked if the council would like to send correspondence to the owner explaining the rental license could be removed from the property.

601 Stewart is under construction, they drive on the neighbor's lawn, do construction 7 days a week and do not adhere to the rules on the time limit of the construction.

The council will investigate the houses of concern. Ordinance violations have been sent to some of them and the attorneys are working on the problems.

XCEL PERMIT

Xcel has requested a permit to install gas service to 402 Stewart.

Soderlund moved to approve the permit for 402 Stewart, Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

INSURANCE WAIVER

A motion to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04 was made by Siver. DeJong seconded the motion and the motion passed.

RICK REPORT

Parent explained that the city has been using Rick's tools for the last 20 plus years, so she is asking for donations in the mayor's letter from the citizens.

Other articles in the mayor's letter include sheriff information, the operation of the leaf-vac from mid -October to mid-November with no rocks in the piles at the curb. Also parking when the snow falls.

Rick reported that the sewers have been cleaned but the lift station is down because a line cracked so the float system was rigged until repairs could be done. Next week it will be dug up and a new line will be installed.

The maintenance building is up, there are two bids for electricity. One is for \$17,000 and one is for \$25,000. The garage doors are installed, and the openers will be installed soon. The openers were listed for \$5,000, Rick purchased them for \$2500.

The attic will be insulated on Friday, the concrete workers are scheduled and then the concrete will be sealed. Rick will install the restroom once everything else is complete. He did receive a new free toilet for the building.

Parent moved to approve the electric bid for \$17,000 with JD Electric. Siver seconded the motion and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m., Baglio seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer