

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2023**

PRESENT: Parent, Soderlund, DeJong, Baglio, Attorney-Susannah Torseth, Law Clerk-Tori Kelm, Maintenance-Ken Johnson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Under New Business lock and camera were added as letter E and under Old Business water and sewer were added as letter D.

After the additions were made to the agenda Baglio moved to approve the agenda. Soderlund seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No residents were present for public comments at the December meeting.

KEN REPORT

Parent explained that Mahtomedi is going to repave McGregor. They are going to remove the current asphalt and install curbs. Willernie's portion of this expense would be \$68,000 and after assessments the cost would be \$35,000.

Willernie can leave McGregor as it is or have bids on Willernie's section.

Ken had Schifskys look at the road and they said it would be \$20,000 to remove the existing asphalt and repave. Another bid for curbs was \$24,000. The road could also be milled an inch and a half and then overlay it for 12 to 13 thousand.

Parent moved to mill and overlay McGregor. There was no second to the motion so Ken suggested discussing the price with Mahtomedi.

The bid on Craig Place from Schifsky's was \$13,274. This would fix the road so that water will not run into the residents yards. The driveway would blend so the majority of the water will stay in the catch basin.

Marcus agrees this would fix the problems on Craig Place. He is not sure what is in place with the catch basin at this time.

Ken will complete the bathroom in the maintenance building when time allows. Ken has a new employee plowing the streets – his name is Rob and Ken is showing him the city so he can learn the cities curves and roads.

The council reminded Ken that Rob needs to observe the width of the streets.

Baglio asked Ken about the leaves at 307 Wildwood Road and if the drain will be affected when it freezes. Ken explained the leaves were put out late and the wind blew them in the street. Baglio will discuss the issue with the residents.

Kerry Lane needs to be widened for the garbage truck. Ken will do this in the spring.

There are some ash trees in the park that need to be removed due to disease.

LEGAL INCREASE

Willernie received notice from Galowitz, Olsen that the legal fees will be increasing by \$10.00.

FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL

Parent moved for final approval of the 2024 budget. DeJong seconded the motion and the motion passed.

LOCKS AND CAMERA

Parent explained the inconvenience caused by locking and unlocking the front door. DeJong checked on a lock that could be used at the front desk.

DeJong will research the cost of the lock and present it at the January meeting.

CLYDE AND CRAIG

Susannah handed out the information on the properties to keep the Council up to date on the correspondence concerning the houses on Clyde and Craig Place.

There was conversation on escrow funds for a retaining wall but nothing has been presented at this time. They are contacting a contractor and should have some information by the January meeting. There has been some conversation with a potential buyer, however, nothing has been completed as of this date.

110 Craig has notification of foreclosure. Nothing is definite at this time. If a foreclosure is in process nothing will be done for at least 5 weeks.

The cost of the catch basin will be certified to the property if and when it is sold.

The certificate of occupancy has been issued because the house is sound. The new buyer will be notified about a potential assessment.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

316 Chatham was given the ordinance violation on the number of illegally parked vehicles on the property. One vehicle is in the garage and the other has been removed from the property so the violation has been resolved.

There is a letter in the packet concerning the 316 Chatham property. Legal notice has to go through the Secretary of State by law. The letter was sent and the owner was notified that Jack Kramer, building inspector, will be on site December 27th to conduct the inspection.

The notice was also published.

201 Wildwood has a notice of violation that will be sent to the sheriff.

109 Clyde has a truck and trailer parked in the front yard. He has been notified and asked to remove the truck from this site.

317 Wildwood is a chronic offender.

Smoke shop is out of compliance on the signs and should be notified.

The no parking on Milford needs a sign that can be seen and placed somewhere safe. There is a possibility of a stop sign on Henry's property. Baglio will discuss this with Mr. Henry.

ORDINANCE REVIEW

Tori handed out the current ordinances. In the back in blue writing are the ordinances that have been discussed and not enacted.

A meeting at 6:00 p.m. January 17 will take place for the ordinance review.

WATER AND SEWER INCREASE

After a long discussion on the increase in sewer and water prices it was decided to increase sewer due to the history of the sewer expenses on the audit review.

Soderlund moved to increase the sewer price \$7.30. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Soderlund moved to approve the bills after the checks for the council are reissued. The current checks will be voided. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer