

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2023**

PRESENT: Parent, Siver, Baglio, City Attorney-Melissa Miroslavich, and City Engineer-Marus Johnson. Councilman DeJong joined the meeting via Zoom.

ABSENT: Soderlund

SWEARING IN OF NEW ELECTED OFFICIALS

Parent and Siver were sworn in before the meeting began.

AGENDA

City Report was added under old business on the agenda. After the addition, Baglio moved to approve the agenda, Siver seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2022 MEETING

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Officer Jarett was asked to contact Baglio during the absence of Parent in February. Officer Jarett will let dispatch know about contacting Baglio during this time.

There are no immediate concerns in the city. The stop signs are always an issue and the officers will continue to monitor the offenders.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion to approve Baglio as deputy mayor, parks and buildings representative, DeJong as the sewer and water representative, Siver is the street representative and Soderlund as the public safety representative was made by Siver. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CITY APPOINTMENTS

A motion to approve the following city appointments was made by Baglio and seconded by Siver.

Clerk-Treasurer-Vickie Keating

Building Inspector-Jack Kramer
Mechanical & Plumbing Inspector-John Manship/backup Jack Kramer
Official Bank-Midwestone
Newspaper-White Bear Press
Legal Firm-Galowitz Olson LLC
Auditor-Abdo, Eick and Myers
Cable Commission-Bev Friendt/Alternate Vickie Keating
Engineer-Bolton & Menk/Moore Engineering
Computer Liaison-Celia Wirth

The motion passed.

LIQUOR LICENSES

A motion to pass the liquor licenses pro-rating Roma was made by Parent. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed to approve the following licenses.

Gordy's – On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday License
Frigaard's – On Sale and Sunday License
Roma Market – On Sale, Off Sale, Sunday and Brewers License
Wildwood Wine and Spirits – Off Sale

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Fosgate – 425 Chippenham joined via Zoom.

Eric was asking about the cars parked on the property across from him. The council explained this issue is being addressed.

Eric also asked if there is going to be some improvement in the future with Waste Management. He hasn't had his trash or recycling picked up for several weeks and he would like the city to look into other companies.

ERIC VANG

Mr. Vang asked the council if he could open a body shop at 108 Trim. This building has a loading dock and ramp to pull cars in so they can be repaired.

Parent asked about drains in the building and if there was a way to dispose of flammable waste.

The other issue is parking for customers.

After discussing the business with Mr. Vang, the council explained that this building doesn't

meet the criteria for a body shop.

PARKING COUNTY 12

The city would like to request a handicap parking space on county 12. The city needs to pass a resolution requesting a handicap parking spot in front of the businesses on County 12.

Siver called some of the surrounding businesses on Penway and Stillwater Road concerning the parking space and Farmers insurance plus the barber shop did not object to the handicap parking space, however, messages were left for Mark Ashby, but he did not respond.

Melissa suggested sending Mark Ashby a letter concerning the parking spaces so Siver would make sure he receives this information.

A motion to put together a resolution for handicap parking with a letter being sent to Mark Ashby was made by Baglio. The motion is pending a letter being sent to Mark Ashby and then placing a handicap parking space on Penway and Trim. Siver seconded.

The motion passed.

Mike from the barber shop would like a 2-hour parking space, however, the council is going to table this discussion until the handicap parking is addressed.

The speed limit on county 12 is also an issue but the city does not control county 12, it is a county road.

TRASH CONTRACT

Parent explained that the city had a contract with Advanced Disposal, and they sold out to Waste Management. Then the pickup day was changed to Thursday instead of Tuesday and since the change the service has not been good.

Parent checked with Birchwood, and they have Tennant Trash, which is a smaller company, and they are very happy with them.

The question for the council is whether they want to continue with Waste Management or go out for bids on the contract.

DeJong will review the contract..

RICK MEMORIAL

Parent was approached about a memorial for Rick. Instead of a park bench Parent would like to put Rick's name on the new maintenance building.

The council is in agreement on the memorial for Rick so Parent will report back to the council on this project.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

There was a hearing today with Tveit/Palmer. They hired an attorney so the hearing was postponed until the attorney can review the information on the case. Melissa is waiting to hear from their attorney before moving forward.

NIGHT SKY LIGHTING

Siver has been researching the night sky lighting and is still continuing to review the information since it is more complicated than expected.

Marcus explained that Center City has an ordinance Willernie could review that might be a good reference.

Siver will continue reviewing the information and report back to the council.

GRANTS

DeJong is receiving information on grants as it comes in, however, most of them do not apply to Willernie.

He will continue to work on obtaining grants for the city.

CITY REPORT

Parent gave a report to the council concerning events in the city since Rick passed away.

Rick was an invaluable employee that knew Willernie inside and out but since losing Rick, Parent has stepped up and had a copy of the sewer and water map laminated plus they were given to John Manship and Ken Johnson to have in case of a city emergency.

Parent has also comprised a list of contacts in case of a water or sewer issue that could arise in the city.

On December 31st a water main broke on Warwick. John and Ken were on site to help with the break along with Mahtomedi. The families were alerted, and the break was fixed after the valves

were loosened. Then the day after New Year's another break occurred on Warner. All the families were notified, and the break was fixed.

Ken Johnson is plowing the roads along with Luke, his employee. He is learning the twists and turns in Willernie so please be patient.

There are three places in Willernie where the snow is stored, and these areas are too full so Tom Lodahl is going to haul some of the snow away from these areas.

The lift station is fixed, and the locks have been replaced.

DeJong and Parent read the meters and the bills have been sent out.

The handicap door at city hall needs repair, which will be done as soon as possible.

Parent sent the letter to the Legion requesting funds for the tools so hopefully the city will receive a grant from them.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Siver moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer