

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2024**

PRESENT: Parent, Soderlund, DeJong, Siver, Attorney-Susannah Torseth, Maintenance Superintendent-Ken Johnson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

ABSENT: Baglio

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Parent moved to approve the August agenda, Siver seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2024 MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Howard Moore was present to ask about the progress on the drain near his house. Ken has a solution that will temporarily fix the problem for the winter. Every asphalt company is booked at the present time so the permanent fix for the drain will be done next spring.

The mayor explained that the roads are inspected by the mayor and Ken each spring, then the decision on what can be fixed while staying within the amount allotted in the budget is a decision made after the inspection of the roads.

Howard is concerned about the snowplow pushing debris and snow on top of the drain causing more problems with the flooding in his garage. Ken will make sure the snow is not piled on the drain and keep it open for draining. Ken will meet with Howard next week to review the area and work out a solution for the drain.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF

The officers did not attend the August meeting.

KEN REPORT

The fire hydrants are all painted, some stop signs have been replaced, a 20 miles per hour, do not park on the grass and the Milford sign have been ordered.

Brian Stanribwicz from the Condo Association explained the Association would like to improve the tree line area by the beach. They would like to clear the trees and plant lilacs and Maple trees in that area.

There are 50 people in the Association and if the city agrees to share the cost, it would be around \$5,000 for the city and the association. The bid currently is \$10,279 to remove the trees.

Parent would like to work with the Association so they will submit the final bid to the city when it is available.

2025 BUDGET

The council suggested a 3.5% levy increase for the 2025 budget. The wage increase will be 3.5%, increase in insurance, repairs and street maintenance.

A motion to approve a 3.5% levy with the suggested increases was made by DeJong, Siver seconded the motion and the budget was approved.

YANG LOTS KILLARNEY AND LEEDS ROAD

Mr. Yang called in to ask about splitting lots in block 35 and 36. He would like to build two houses on these lots. DeJong pointed out that Mr. Yang would need DNR approval to build on this property and the setbacks are 100 feet. The driveway is a vacated road so there is no access to these lots.

SANTINO TENERELLI RESOLUTION

A resolution revision for Mr. Tenerelli was presented by Susannah. In the resolution there was a variance approval with a double permit fee. This was after the fact retaining wall and it is under 4 feet in height so there is no building permit required by state law.

Susannah checked the city ordinances and reviewed the ordinance stating that if there is a wall or tree 10 feet from the road a permit needed.

Mr. Tenerelli showed pictures of the fence that was closer than 10 feet from the street and explained the wall was a safety issue for children and cars.

The ordinance is in place and the variance hearing took place after the wall was installed. The city is just following the ordinance as stated and the ordinance requires a double fine.

Mr. Tenerelli will work with the building inspector on the price of the permit and submit the amount to the city.

REPORT ON CLYDE AND CRAIG HOUSES

At the end of the last meeting the property owners were approached concerning an easement on their property to install the drain. Marcus, the city engineer, went to the homeowner's residence to discuss the easement, however, the homeowner was not interested in allowing a city easement.

At a follow up meeting with the homeowner, he suggested installing a fence along the easement. The fence would need to be placed on the side of the easement.

The city needs to discuss what kind of fence, determine the value of the easement and discuss this with the homeowner. It would be wise to pay the property owner for the easement with the understanding he would install the fence.

The asphalt companies are all busy at this time, however, there are two bids available for the area. It might be wise to put curbs around the fire hydrant to keep the water from spilling over.

The bank funds are in escrow until the end of the year, the city could possibly ask for an extension on the project. Marcus will research the length of time the grant money is available and report back to the council.

Parent asked for a plan of action on the drain.

Soderlund and DeJong will approach the property owners on the easement. A bid for the survey should be approved in September if the property owners are agreeable to the easement.

Parent moved to have conditional approval of the survey, Andrew seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Parent explained the ice cream social was a success. It was a fun and well attended event.

The final bill of \$294.50 for the ice cream was submitted by Siver and will be paid at the September meeting.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

There are two properties with cars parked on the grass that are being addressed.

SURVEY

DeJong suggested surveying the lake side of Chatham and Kimberly to make sure the city boundaries are correct and to inform the Water Shed and DNR of such boundaries.

Parent moved to survey Lot 3 & \$, Block 38 along the lake line. DeJong seconded the motion, and the motion passed. This is the northeast side along Chatham.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Siver seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer