

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2024**

PRESENT: Parent, Baglio, Soderlund, Siver, DeJong, Susannah Torseth-Attorney, Tori Kelm-Law Clerk and clerk-Vicke Keating.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Golf Tournament was added to the agenda and after the addition was made Siver moved to approve the agenda, Soderlund seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

APRIL MINUTES

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Deputy Nelson attended the May meeting and explained Willernie has had a quiet month. Gordy's had an altercation but nothing pressing.

The council requested observation at the corner of Gordy's and Wildwood Road plus Warner and Chatham.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ashley Millerbernb, resident at 401 Stillwater Road, requested a no parking sign next to her garage since the area is being utilized by vehicles that are driving through the city. Ashley reached out to Tammy and the City office concerning this issue and would like to have a resident parking sign installed so she can park on her property.

The council is going to review the situation and make a decision in June.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LACASSE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The city council meeting was suspended at 7:15 p.m. and the public hearing began on Bob LaCasse's conditional use permit.

Mr. LaCasse has owned the property since 1996 or 1997 and is asking for a conditional use permit on the property to keep the retaining wall on the property in case he sells the property in the future. He would like to keep the property as it is because if the retaining wall is removed there will not be a yard on this property.

Mr. LaCasse showed the council pictures of the retaining wall and the yard.

There were no comments from the audience or written comments on the CUP.

The public hearing was closed at 7:20 and the Council meeting resumed.

Discussion on the CUP: DeJong asked about maintenance on the wall. Mr. LaCasse explained that the wall will need maintenance in the future.

A survey or sketch of the property showing the retaining wall is needed to make the final decision.

FRIGAARD'S GAMBLING PERMIT

Katie Busson, owner of Frigaard's, introduced Kelly from the Bayport Auxiliary. Katie explained that Bayport is willing to help with the gambling license until her Auxiliary can be trained.

Katie needs to be operational until the local Auxiliary is trained and running the pull tabs so the funds will be kept in the community.

Kelly informed the council that Bayport is willing to contribute to some of the local causes in Willernie.

The process to become a gambling manager is a 90-day seminar plus you must be a member of the auxiliary for at least six months prior to taking the job.

Due to the complications concerning the ordinance and the requirements by the state for the gambling license the council asked Katie and Kelly if they would attend a special meeting on Monday, May 20th at 5 p.m.

385 WARNER – RENTAL LICENSE

The owner of 384 Warner did not know he was required to have a rental license in place before renting the property to tenants.

Parent explained that several years ago there was an abundance of rental property in Willernie, so the council passed a rental ordinance capping the licenses at 10%.

Unfortunately, there are many property owners that would like a rental license but at this time none are available.

Suresh wants to abide by the rules; however, he has a lease with the present tenants, and he is looking for a solution. He explained the realtor was not aware of the rental license required by the city when he purchased the property. Parent explained that it is the prospective buyer's responsibility to check with the city on license requirements before purchase of the property.

Susannah informed the council the letter sent to Suresh explained the rental license requirement and the cap that is currently on the licenses. There might be a way to allow a temporary license under the circumstances, however, that is up to the council.

After the discussion Suresh was informed that he needs to apply for a variance and a rental license. This will need to be turned into the clerk for publication, so he needs to have this done in the next few days to allow for the publication restrictions on the variance. If the forms are received in time the council can have the variance hearing in June.

TIM SIMONSEN – EARLE OF SANDWICHES

Mr. Simonsen handed out the plan proposed for the property where Earle of Sandwiches is currently located. There is a second lot on Trim behind the business that would be included in the proposal.

Mr. Simonsen is proposing a remodel and partial demo of the building. He is looking at 12 offices for independent business people. The current zoning is 800 square feet on the main level with a loft on the top. Each business would purchase the property for the individual businesses. The property is zoned commercial and there would not be public coming to the businesses.

Parent summarized the situation as a community you want to draw a many people as possible to the area and this proposal does not draw people into the community that want to take part in the community. Also, there is the concern about traffic, parking and entrance into the building.

KEN REPORT

Ken presented bids for the resurfacing of the streets. The budget for the streets is \$70,000 and we are two years behind on resurfacing.

In the fall Ken is going to check all the streets and crack seal them to help preserve the roads.

Parent moved to approve the Nugget bid. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The fire hydrants are going to be repainted, Parent requested new sand in the box at Milnar Park.

New wood chips have been placed in Willernie Park, the bathroom is done on the maintenance building, and he is going to sweep next week then flush the hydrants.

The leaves are done until fall. Ken will check tomorrow and then pick up again in the fall.

They are waiting for more bids on the work to be done on Craig.

XCEL PERMIT

The Xcel Permit was presented last month. The council requested a complete permit form from Xcel that was presented to the council with all the information needed to review the permit.

Baglio moved to approve the Xcel permit, DeJong seconded the motion and the motion passed.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Parent explained the golf tournament has had less attendance each year with no increase in profits. Parent would like to discontinue the Willernie Golf Tournament.

Patrick Miller kept the spot open at Applewood Golf Course and he will possibly have a tournament with the Friends of Willernie with the help of Frigaard's.

SANTINO TENERELLI VARIANCE RESOLUTION

Mr. Tenerelli needs a building permit which has not been obtained to maintain the variance for the retaining wall. Baglio will contact him and explain the situation.

The variance was approved with conditions. There was a double permit fee required, however, if he does not comply with the variance requirement it becomes null and void. If the requirements are not met the wall will need to be removed.

When the fine is paid, and the area cleaned up as required, this will be recorded with the property.

Parent moved to approve the resolution with the understanding that Mr. Tenerelli has until the next city council meeting to pay the fee. DeJong seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CLYDE AND CRAIG PLACE

Resolution 2024-6 is the approval of the deck to remain at 111 Clyde. The variance has been approved and needs to be recorded.

Soderlund moved to approve the resolution on Clyde. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The retaining wall still needs to be built and the water shut off has to be found at 110 Craig.

There is a purchase agreement on Craig and the resident is paying for the utilities.

Everything needs to be finalized with the buyer and settled by July for the closing to take place.

Susannah received an email from the attorney at the bank explaining they will consider paying up to 50% of the fees.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Siver explained that the ice cream social could be combined with the National Night out which is August 6th. It can be an ice cream cart or truck. The cart has 69 treats for \$250 for 3 hours. The average price of the treats is \$3.84.

For 100 people the cost would be around \$358.00.

Siver will keep the council posted as to the specifics for the ice cream social.

YARDS IN VIOLATION

Two notices of violation have been sent. Miller is working on the area as the council has directed.

317 Milford – Patraw – the vehicle is gone.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer