

**CITY OF WILLERNIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Parent, Siver, Soderlund, Baglio, De Jong, Attorney-Tori Kelm, Maintenance Superintendent-Ken Johnson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2024 MEETING**

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

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF**

The officer from Washington County explained the call on Wildwood Road plus some preteens tried to steal liquor from the liquor store in Willernie.

Wildwood Road incident was a disagreement between mother and son, the son was intoxicated and locked in the house. The officers set up the perimeters around the house to keep residents safe since the house was filled with chemicals.

Everyone was removed from the house, and no one was hurt in the process.

De Jong wanted the officer to know this was a big deal to the residents involved in the problem on Sargent.

The officer explained they do not have control over who calls and requests help, it depends on the situation. A code red is always sent out to help solve the problems with residents who are in fear.

De Jong again stated the residents were apprehensive that this didn't go through the city. There was frustration among the neighbors because they were locked in their houses.

The officer wants the residents to know they should call when anything is not normal. The officers have training and the ability to determine if a crime is taking place.

Soderlund explained the call should be made to the law enforcement officers not the city council when a resident is concerned about their safety. The police can and do know more about harmful situations and what can be done.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brian from the beach explained the trees have been taken down, the area is cleaned up and the next step is a new fence and trees. The first stage is done, and the next stage is ready to take place.

De Jong asked about fence markers, and they did mark the fence, but they were taken out when the posts were removed.

### **KEN REPORT**

Leaf pick up is done for the season. A new hydrant was installed, and a marker post needs to be placed on the hydrant.

McGregor street is also Crocus, and the council asked Jane, the Mahtomedi representative, to check into this problem.

Baglio has a sheet for problem areas concerning the snow plowing. She would like suggestions from the residents concerning the placement of the snow.

The plough goes through the city if it snows three inches and comes back when the snow is heavier.

Residents are requested to move the cars off the streets when the snow plough is going through the city.

### **DUSTIN ADAMSON BUSINESS LICENSE**

Dustin is applying for a business license at 313 Stillwater Road. Dustin explained he repairs computers and has been running the business on the second floor for 3 years and would like to move to Willernie for better access to the business.

The operational hours are every day from 10 to 6. Hours are posted by appointment.

He has signed a three-year lease with Mats Ludwig pending approval of the business license from the city.

A motion to approve the business license for Dustin Adamson was made by Parent with the cost being prorated. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **CODE RED**

Parent read the contract from Washington County concerning Code Red.

After the contract was read Parent moved to approve the contract with Washington County on Code Red, Soderlund seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### **ROW – BURIED CABLE**

De Jong moved to table the permit until more information is available. Baglio seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### **CANNIBIS ORDINANCE**

Tori explained that a moratorium is allowed for cannabis but a temporary business selling the product is allowed.

On January 1 all cannabis is legal, but the county is not licensing until next spring. One license for every 12,000 residents is based on state statutes. The drafted ordinance will keep the moratorium with the state statutes.

### **ORDINANCE 601.040**

This ordinance was prepared by Tori to show how to bring a civil suit against citizens if necessary. The memo shows how difficult it is to bring this action against the individual and the cost of this action for the city is over \$20,000.

### **REPORT ON CLYDE AND CRAIG PLACE**

There was nothing new to report on Clyde and Craig Place.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Due to the confusion in the contract the animal control price increase was tabled until December.

Soderlund moved to table the animal control contract, Siver seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### **ORDINANCES**

Baglio and Soderlund would like to organize the ordinances and asked if the council would agree to consult with Gary Brown – a consultant – on the ordinances.

There were no objections to having Gary Brown review and organize the ordinances.

**YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES**

There is a car on Kimberly that needs to be moved and some disabled vehicles that are sitting in yards that need to be taken off the property.

316 Chatham – Baglio has been documenting the activity at this residence and the house is a rental with someone living on the property.

**LIFT STATION**

The lift station is being repaired, however, Marcus – city engineer – suggested submitting Willernie’s name in the pool to be considered for funding on a lift station.

Marcus will check on the dates and figures to be submitted for the funding.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Siver seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating  
Clerk-Treasurer