

**CITY OF WILLERNIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 16, 2025**

PRESENT: Baglio, Soderlund, Siver, Cook, DeJong, Attorney-Tori Kelm, Consultant-Gary Brown and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2025 MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no residents present for public comments at the June meeting.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF

The Washington County Officer did not attend the June meeting.

DUANE HOLMBERG – 412 KIMBERLY

Duane built a fence and installed a monument that his neighbor continues to cover. He had the property surveyed and they reached a mediation agreement, however, the neighbor refuses to abide by the ruling.

Tori explained this is a civil issue between neighbors and Duane should contact his legal council to solve the problem.

KEN REPORT

Ken discussed striping Wildwood Road as requested by a resident, however, the council decided to leave Wildwood Road as it is since the striping would add a large amount of money to the street budget.

There are cars parking in the roads that could cause problems with emergency vehicles when needed. The residents need to park in their driveways if possible to allow emergency vehicles access to houses in Willernie.

The manhole on Charing is broken so Ken has contacted the company to fix it.

The lift station generator will be stored on a trailer and if there is a power outage the trailer can be parked by the lift station and keep it running. This is the most cost-effective way to maintain a generator for the lift station.

The new brick on the front of City Hall will be installed in the next few weeks. Several trees have been marked that need to be removed due to safety and some are on residents' property.

It was suggested that De Jong draft a letter explaining the concerns about the trees in Willernie.

Cook informed the council the dock is missing some parts so Ken will check on it and get it fixed.

APPROVAL OF THE BUSINESS LICENSES

A motion to approve the business license for the following businesses as long as all the paperwork is in order was made by Soderlund. Cook seconded the motion and the licenses were approved.

Mike Breault Barbers
Mark Ashby Real Estate
Domino's Pizza
Lakeside Floral
Paragon Pools
Thrivent Financial
O'Leary's Hideaway
Gordy's Steakhouse
Wildwood Wine and Spirits
Frigaard's
Mold Craft
Farmers Insurance
St. Croix Saddlery
Allstate Auto Supply
Warped Records

LIABILITY COVERAGE WAIVER FORM

A motion to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04 was made by Soderlund. Baglio seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

WILLERNIE UPDATE

The tree gifted to Barb Parent will be planted in the park this fall.

Chairs are need for the ice cream social so if anyone has extra, please bring them. Siver will bring a table and some chairs, and she explained a truck is coming instead of the cart. The truck will park on Dartmoor so it shouldn't interrupt traffic.

DATA PRACTICE POLICY

Tori is going to review Gary's proposed policy, the changes will be sent to Gary, and the council can vote on the policy in August.

A motion to table the data practice policy was made by Siver, Baglio seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

WILLERNIE.GOV

Baglio moved to have the Willernie website redirect to Willernie.gov. Siver seconded the motion, and the motion passed. This will not change anything for the residents of Willernie.

2027 WEBSITE INFORMATION

The state is going to change some policies in 2027 for the handicapped on the city websites. Tori explained this is information about the future and it is in the developing stage.

GALOWITZ OLSON BILLING RATE

Tori thanked the city for allowing Galowitz Olson to work for Willernie and expressed her enjoyment working with the city council.

The firm is going to increase rates in 2025 by \$10.00 an hour and the information was sent out so it would be incorporated in the 2026 budget.

VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

A few courtesy letters have been mailed to residents. There are some disabled vehicles in the city that will be addressed. There is nothing major at the present time.

RENEWAL OF CD'S

The cd's are maturing so a motion to renew the cd's was made by Soderlund, De Jong seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

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 8:35 p.m. Siver seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating
Clerk-Treasurer