

**CITY OF WILLERNIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Baglio, Soderlund, Siver, Cook, De Jong, Consultant-Gary Brown, Maintenance Superintendent-Ken Johnson, Attorney-Tori Kelm and Clerk-Vickie Keating

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Siver moved to accept the agenda with the addition of the ice cream social, De Jong seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

**THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M. FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**

There were no public comments made on the Storm Water Management Program.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED AT 7:10 P.M.**

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2025 MINUTES**

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

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF**

The officer attending the meeting explained there have been some burglaries in Mahtomedi so the residents should keep doors locked to be safe.

Soderlund thanked the officers for their service and the help given to the city.

De Jong questioned the lack of lighting in the downtown area. The officer is aware of the lighting, and they are checking on it at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Whelan was present via Zoom, however, due to the issues with Zoom the meeting was closed at 9:15 p.m. and reopened at 9:20 p.m. to accommodate Mr. Wheelan, Baglio moved to resume the council meeting, Soderlund seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Whelan would like a report on the vehicles on Wildwood Road parked in the driveway of the house being renovated.

Baglio and Soderlund will contact the owner and request the removal of the vehicles parked at this house.

### **BUSINESS LICENSE – CHRISTOPHER MEADS**

Mr. Meads is requesting a business license to open a store on Stillwater Road for retail purposes. He signed a one-year lease with Mats Ludwig on Saturday.

Parking is not an issue for this business and Mr. Meads will abide by all city rules.

De Jong moved to approve the business license for Mr. Meads; Soderlund seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### **AUDIT REVIEW – JUSTIN PRESENTATION**

Justin reviewed the audit report given to the council. The auditors are pleased with the work the city presents to the auditors.

General fund balance showed a positive direction. No purchases have been made, and the city is maintaining a good budget and following the guidelines.

After reviewing the audit presentation De Jong moved to approve the audit, Baglio seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### **KEN REPORT**

Ken is going to require bids on asphalt for the streets and bids for the repair of city hall.

The street sweeper will be out in April and the trees in the park will be trimmed. Woodchuck Gave the city a \$6000 bid for cleaning up the parks.

### **RESOLUTION FOR SEWER CHARGE**

The auditors recommended changing the meter charge to \$10.00 a quarter and increasing the sewer by \$15.00. This would make the sewer \$82.80, however, it will not increase the amount charged to the residents because the increase will be taken from the meter charge on the water bill.

This will help with the charges the city is paying Metropolitan Council for the removal of the sewage. Unfortunately this amount increases yearly, and the sewer charge has not been increased enough to stay ahead of the sewer expense.

A motion to approve the resolution to change the sewer charge was made by Siver, Soderlund seconded the motion, and the motion passed. De Jong requested an explanation of the change in the sewer charge to be included in the minutes so residents would understand the increase really is not an increase to their bill.

### **RESOLUTION FOR CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES**

Gary will make sure the changes made in 2025 are included in the recodification of the ordinances. The recodification cannot be voted on until the May meeting.

### **LAKE WASHINGTON**

De Jong explained the city owns a total of four lots on Lake Washington which is a peninsula.

This area needs to be cleaned up by taking trees down and chipping up the wood so residents can walk along the area safely.

Tony with Waterways Restoration has a website and he has cleaned up several lakes in the area just like Lake Washington. He serves many states with his machine, however, the DNR might request a permit, which will need to be investigated before any work can start. The machine Tony owns cleans out the muck, sediment, and cattails but he does not dispose of the debris.

If the council has any questions about the company, they are welcome to check out the website and review the work that the company has done.

### **ORDINANCE UPDATE**

The ordinance update was discussed at the workshop held by the council and will be reviewed again before the public meeting can take place to recodify the ordinances.

### **VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES**

Some letters have gone out to violators; however, the council will walk through the city when the weather improves.

### **316 CHATHAM**

Tori gathered more information on the options for 316 Chatham. The criminal remedy is available but if the defendant does not appear in court there is not a person to issue a warrant on.

Civil Remedy doesn't compensate the city for legal fees.

Soderlund moved to have Gary propose a draft by April on the code for enforcement which will be vetted by Tori. Siver seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Siver contacted the same company that was used last year and needs guidance on the place for the ice cream social. The date will be August 5 to coordinate with Nation Night Out. All pricing is the same as 2024. It will last 2 hours – the council needs to decide whether the ice cream social will be held at Stillwater Park or Millner Park.

### **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 9:30 p.m. De Jong seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating  
Clerk-Treasurer