

**CITY OF PINE SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2019**

PRESENT: Bastyr, Kardashian, Feely, Kinney, Dahl and Administrator – Vickie Keating.

The meeting began with the pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, MEETING

Feely moved to approve the July minutes as pre-read, Mayor Bastyr seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. (19-31)

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR AUGUST

Mayor Bastyr moved to approve the bills, Feely seconded the motion and the motion passed. (19-32)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments in August.

ORDINANCES

Viet-Hanh Winchell introduced herself to the Council, explaining that she was representing Galowitz.Olson legal firm.

Mayor Bastyr thanked Viet-Hanh for the good job she is doing on the prosecutions for the City.

Viet-Hanh explained the firm is revising the City of Willernie' s ordinances which led to a discussion about ordinances. She looked through the ordinances and they appear to be in effect from the 60's and 70's. The most recent one added was a temporary family dwelling.

The Washington County Code Development can be used as a guide for the ordinance update.

Pine Springs needs to decide about the organization of the ordinances so the firm can help with the process. The comprehensive plan would be helpful in the construction of the new ordinances.

Mayor Bastyr would like some friendly language so the ordinances are simple and can be understood.

Vie-Hanh can make a proposal for the cost of the ordinances if the Council needs a written proposal.

Dahl is concerned about separating the Windmar Estates specifics and would like the ordinances in electronic format.

The publishing costs would need to be included in the cost of the revision of the ordinances.

A motion to allow Galowitz and Olsen to submit a written proposal, with a tentative timeline was made by Mayor Bastyr. There was no second to the motion.

Kardashian moved to work on an hourly basis, with Galowitz.Oson to update the ordinances at \$95 an hour. Termination of the update on ordinances is at the discretion of the Council. Dahl seconded the motion. The motion passed. (19-32)

BUDGET

Jason Kuchar and Mayor Bastyr will meet to discuss the 2020 budget and present it at the September meeting.

BIDS FOR SNOW PLOWING

Feely discussed snow plowing for the 2019-2020 season with Ken Johnson to verify the expense. Ken is willing to plow the City again this winter with a possible increase of \$50. Dahl believes that bids should be put out with a public notice.

Feely explained that there are 3.8 miles of road and 8 cul-de-sacs. It is difficult to have a reliable person plow this amount of road.

The bid process was discussed at length with the pros and cons of such an action. After much discussion Dahl moved to put out a bid with basic requirements as in the past for the snowplowing, including plowing in a certain amount of time, depth of snow and

published for a minimum of 30 days. The bid should be comparable in price for the amount charged in the past.

Kinney seconded the motion.

Feely will put the requirements together for the publication if the motion passes.

Kardashian suggested tabling this discussion until the legal requirements could be reviewed.

Dahl is interested in the fairness and quality of service. Dahl explained that he doesn't want any damage to the roads, and it has taken about four years to make sure the plowing is done the best way.

Kinney, Feely and Mayor Bastyr voted no on the motion – the motion did not pass. (19-33)

MS4

The Pollution Control did not approve the MS4 and Mayor Bastyr requested Dahls help with the form. Dahl will meet with the Mayor and review the information.

ZAHHOS RENTAL

Mayor Bastyr passed out a letter to be sent to Mr. Zahhos concerning the rental on his property.

After the Council reviewed the letter a motion to send the letter to Mr. Zahho's was made by Kardashian if the letter incorporated Dahl's edits and making sure the Mayor was the person Mr. Zahho's is directed to contact. Dahl seconded the motion and the motion passed. (19-34)

COUNTY ASSESSED VALUATIONS

Kinney contacted the county concerning the assessment fees and he was told the City pays approximately \$10 per year a household to uphold the laws concerning the assessments. We have the county as the Board of Review where the resident can request information on the assessments of the property and the taxes.

CLOSING OUT BUILDING PERMITS

A question was raised concerning the completion of building permits. Mayor Bastyr will contact the building inspector and ask about the completed permits.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Kinney attended a lake owners meeting and was asked about the noise ordinance concerning the trucks and jake brakes. Kinney called the Washington County Commissioner and was informed this road is an expressway with an interchange and no signs are allowed. Nothing can change on this stretch of road.

Kinney will report the information back to the concerned neighbor.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Jim Malkowski has reactivated Judy Erickson to complete the Comp Plan. The public hearing should be held in October after the changes required by Valley Creek and Met Council have been made.

A proposed copy will be finalized by October and the Mayor will receive one.

FRANK'S PROPOSAL

Mayor asked if the City will accept a power of attorney representing the property owner on the property exchange.

Kardashian explained that legal council is needed. Kardashian read a newspaper article like Frank's proposal to show that legal advice is needed, and this is not a clear-cut issue.

Kardashian suggested contacting Viet-Hanh to require legal advice about this issue which was made into a motion. Kinney seconded the motion.

Mayor Bastyr abstained from the vote on this motion.

The motion passed. (19-34)

APPLICATION FROM XCEL FOR PERMIT

Mayor Bastyr moved to allow the permit for Xcel, Feely seconded the motion and the permit was approved. (19-35)

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Victoria R. Keating
Administrator