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PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6:15 PM

Lower Conference Room

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

The Election of a Chair was not on the agenda, so Alderman Schneider moved to have former Chair Mayr run the meeting and Alderman Bach seconded.

Present:

Chair Dale Mayr

Alderman Gregg Bach

Alderman Kathleen Schneider

Also Present: Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, City Attorney Sajdak, Director of Public Works Lundeen, Alderman Gebhardt, and Executive Assistant Enea

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. April Meeting Minutes

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Schneider

SECONDED BY: Alderman Bach

AYES: Mayr, Bach, Schneider

3) Ordinances

Action requested: review and recommend approval

- a. **ORDINANCE 2023-1639** An Ordinance Amending Section 46-133 and Chapter 50 of the Mequon Municipal Code, Relating to Nuisances Within the City, Including Noise

Attorney Sajdak presented the Committee with the changes to the ordinance based on some time-of-day issues, as well as staff concerns about streamlining. Noises were split into commercial and non-commercial noises. Penalties were increased for commercial complaints in residential areas. With a 2X modifier, first offense fees which ranged from \$5 to \$2,500 have been increased to \$5,000. Second offense fees which ranged from \$10 to \$5,000 have been increased to \$10,000. Alderman Mayr inquired if it was a per day fee and

Attorney Sajdak confirmed it was. Alderwoman Schneider asked why there was such a broad range of fees and how it was determined. Attorney Sajdak explained how it was determined two ways. The citation route is set by the municipal court judge. For problematic properties, the case can be taken to circuit court and the amount is pleaded. A range of fees gives judges flexibility depending on the circumstance. Generally, they agree with higher range values unless there are mitigating factors. There was some discussion about allowing commercial operations on Sundays and holidays. No one opposed.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Alderman Schneider
SECONDED BY: Alderman Bach

AYES: Mayr, Bach, Schneider

4) Discussion Items

a. Community Composting Options

Director of Public Works Lundeen provided a summary of what the brush site currently does and what food waste composting options some private contractors could provide at a fee. When the Committee discussed the topic back in 2022, they decided to forego because the City does not have the staffing or facility to add composting. Lundeen stated that no other communities provide this service to residents. A pilot program for pumpkins was also discussed in 2022, but the brush site already accepts pumpkins. The Committee agreed that an article about waste haulers and companies that offer composting should be included in the Bulletin around June.

5) Work Calendar

At the next meeting, elect a chair and discuss work calendar for the year.

6) Adjourn

Alderwoman Schneider moved to adjourn at 6:47 PM and Alderman Bach seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Enea
Executive Assistant