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Office of the City Administrator

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:45 PM
Lower Conference Room

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Chair Dale Mayr
Alderman Gregg Bach
Alderman Brian Parrish

Also Present: Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, Alderman Gebhardt, City Attorney Sajdak, Community Development Director Tollefson, Executive Assistant Enea, and Andrzej Sitarski

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. April Minutes

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

MOVED BY: Alderman Bach

SECONDED BY: Alderman Parrish

AYES: Mayr, Bach, Parrish

3) Election of Chair

Alderman Bach nominated Alderman Mayr to serve as Committee Chair and Alderman Parrish seconded. The motion was approved by Voice Acclamation.

4) Ordinances

Action requested: review and recommend approval

a. **ORDINANCE 2025-1681** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 58 of the Mequon Municipal Code, Related to Structures on the Lake Michigan Bluff

Community Development Director Tollefson presented the Committee with background information about why the modified ordinance regarding the Lake Michigan Bluff and structures was coming before them for consideration. Last August, the COTW had a discussion regarding residents wanting to build stairs to access the shoreline. Currently,

there is a 75-foot setback from the bluff for any structure. Staff was instructed to draft some revisions to the code that would assume the least liability. Staff consulted with numerous agencies to research best practices, including neighboring communities, the DNR, and Ozaukee County. The Committee discussed the height and width recommendations, as well as what happens if the stairs become dilapidated. The Committee asked for language to be added regarding possible dilapidation and to have the resident be held responsible for repair, replacement, or removal. Also, the Committee agreed that more room may be needed at pivot points in the stairs and adjusted the allowed square footage to 5 feet by 7 feet, not to exceed 35 square feet.

RESULT: **Approved with Amendments [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Parrish

SECONDED BY: Alderman Bach

AYES: Mayr, Bach, Parrish

5) Work Calendar

1. Certified Wildlife Habitat Status
2. Sister City with Dahlheim
3. Make-up of Committees
4. Neighborhood Association participation in reducing speed

6) Adjourn

Alderman Bach moved to adjourn at 6:29 PM and Alderman Mayr seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Enea
Executive Assistant