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Office of the City Administrator

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Chair Mark Gierl

Alderman Glenn Bushee

Alderman Kathleen Schneider

Also Present: City Administrator Jones, Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, City Forester Gies, City Attorney Sajdak, and Executive Assistant Enea

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. June Meeting Minutes

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Alderman Bushee

SECONDED BY: Alderman Schneider

AYES: Gierl, Bushee, Schneider

b. Public Welfare Committee meeting minutes of June 8, 2021

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Alderman Bushee

SECONDED BY: Alderman Schneider

AYES: Gierl, Bushee, Schneider

3) Ordinances

Action requested: review and recommend approval

1. **ORDINANCE 2021-1597** An Ordinance Amending Article II of Chapter 2 within the Mequon Municipal Code, in Connection with the Roles, Duties and Functions of the Mayor and Common Council

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Alderman Schneider

SECONDED BY: Alderman Bushee

AYES: Gierl, Bushee, Schneider

2. **ORDINANCE 2021-1596** A Charter Ordinance Amending Provisions of the Mequon Municipal Code, Establishing Terms of Office for Elected Officials

After discussion, the committee voted to approve after amending the language to not include a mid-term appointment as part of the term limits by adding "full terms" to the ordinance.

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

MOVED BY: Alderman Schneider

SECONDED BY: Alderman Bushee

AYES: Gierl, Bushee, Schneider

4) Discussion Items

a. Tree Trimming & Wood Retention

A resident was upset that the City cut down a tree on his property and did not leave the wood for him. City Forester Gies explained that the tree was on the City's property and all wood is available for residents to pick up at the brush site. This is a blanket policy to avoid custom cutting logwood for people and it would create liability if wood was left in the right away.

b. Composting Plan

Alderman Gierl suggested that residents be offered a third bin for composting in addition to the 2 bins they already get for trash and recycling. What other communities do and the added cost were brought up as areas to explore. Alderman Gierl encouraged everyone to watch the Netflix "Kiss The Ground" Documentary before the next meeting to further discuss this topic.

c. Home Irrigation Systems

Alderman Gierl is concerned that homes with wells will run dry if their irrigation systems are not regulated. It was questioned how that would be enforced. Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann will ask Community Development to research and discuss at the next meeting.

5) Information Items

a. Work Calendar

1. Chapter II Article IV
2. Composting Plan
3. Home Irrigation Systems
4. Architectural Board Structure

6) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:39 PM by Alderwoman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Gierl. All voted in favor by a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Enea