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PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
6:15 PM
Lower Level Conference Room
Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Chair Mark Gierl
Alderman Glenn Bushee
Alderman Kathleen Schneider

Also Present: Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, City Attorney Sajdak, Community Development Assistant Director Zader, Building Inspections Supervisor Hadley, and Executive Assistant Enea.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Sept. 14 Meeting Minutes

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Alderman Bushee
SECONDED BY: Alderman Gierl

AYES: Gierl, Bushee, Schneider

b. Sept. 21 Meeting Minutes

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Alderman Bushee
SECONDED BY: Alderman Gierl

AYES: Gierl, Bushee, Schneider

3) Discussion Items

a. Regulatory Standards for Home Irrigation Systems

Alderman Schneider began the conversation regarding home irrigation systems by saying that the surveys did not show a problem. She also said that when someone waters, they are restoring water to the aquifer. Alderman Gierl did not think so because of Mequon's hard clay surface. Alderman Schneider then asked Building Inspections Supervisor Hadley if Mequon's aquifer was in good shape. He stated that the DNR thinks Mequon's aquifer is plenty big enough, but they do not monitor. They do monitor when a new well is being put in, but old wells aren't even on file. The City's Engineering Division used to monitor, but no

one was sure what data they were collecting and when it stopped. The committee discussed permit options and whether it would be through water utility or Community Development. Community Development already grants backflow preventer permissions, so could collect this additional data moving forward. It might not be an issue, but the Committee would like to know this information in case it does become an issue. Community Development will compile one year of information and report back. They will also look at the Engineering Division's reporting information and inform the Committee of what it included and when it stopped. The Committee discussed the possibility of asking residents with wells to volunteer to have water levels checked. It was determined to be too expensive to mail out, but suggested including it in the tax bill. A lawn sprinkler guide could also be featured in Weekly Bulletins once or twice a year.

4) Information Items

a. Work Calendar

- Pools requiring safety covers
- Fire pit distance requirements from a structure
- Architectural Board of Review Changes

5) Adjourn

Alderman Bushee moved to adjourn at 6:53 P.M. Alderwoman Schneider seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Enea