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Office of the City Administrator

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

5:15 PM

Lower Conference Room

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Chair Mark Gierl

Alderman Glenn Bushee

Alderman Kathleen Schneider

Also Present: Mayor Wirth, City Attorney Sajdak, Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, and Executive Assistant Enea

2) Ordinances

Action requested: review and recommend approval

1. Electronic Meetings for Common Council and Planning Commission

A discussion took place regarding city meetings being hybrid and if the public, consultants, and/or Aldermen could participate electronically. Alderman Bushee stated that 25% of Mequon's population were Seniors and not easily mobile during the winter. Alderwoman Schneider stated that hybrid meetings are less functional and harder to communicate. If a resident couldn't attend, they could send their neighbor to read their comments. Alderman Gierl would like the public to attend if they were interested, but understood that it could be difficult for them. The Committee decided to leave it as is, the public must come in to participate. For all committees, quorum must be in person. For the Common Council, 6 must be in person and 2 can dial-in. Aldermen can electronically attend 2 meetings per year, no reason needed, first come-first serve. They must submit the request in writing, can be email. Mayor Wirth inquired if emergency meetings could be virtual without calling a declared emergency. City Attorney Sajdak would make edits and present at the next meeting.

3) Adjourn

Alderwoman Schneider moved to adjourn at 5:54 P.M. Alderman Bushee seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Enea