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Office of the City Administrator

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 10, 2025
5:30 PM
Lower Conference Room

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Alderman Gregg Bach
Alderman Brian Parrish
Chair Dale Mayr - **Absent**

Also Present: Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, Alderman Gebhardt, Executive Assistant Enea, Charley Hanney (*New- Graphic Reporter*)

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Public Welfare Committee Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2025

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

AYES:	Bach, Parrish
ABSENT:	Mayr

3) Discussion Items

a. Community Survey Update

Executive Assistant Enea gave the Committee an update on the progress of the Community Survey that was continuing through the end of the month. The City sent out 2,500 paper surveys to the statistical sample and 10,615 postcards to all households. On May 27, 380 surveys were completed, 765 as of June 3, and 1,314 as of June 9. ETC Institute is very pleased with the community participation from the numerous means used to get the word out, including social media, the weekly bulletin, the electronic sign, yard signs, the website, and

News-Graphic articles. An initial summary of the report will be shared at the August Public Welfare Committee meeting, and a full report will be given by ETC Consultant Robert Heacock at the September Committee of the Whole Meeting.

b. Community-Wide Wildlife Habitats Designation

Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann shared with the Committee how a resident contacted the City in March and requested that it look into obtaining a Community-Wide Wildlife Habitats Designation. Currently, the City has Bird City, Bee City, and Tree City designations in conjunction with the Mequon Nature Preserve, which oversees local compliance with the programs' specified criteria. Residents can seek to have their residences and/or properties individually certified as wildlife habitats by meeting certain requirements. For a community to become certified, 250 property owners would be needed to reach the program's threshold. It would also require administrative outreach and ongoing staff time. The Committee discussed the suggestion, and decided to support public education and awareness of the program's existence. Accordingly, they recommended publicizing it as an option for residents to pursue on their own within the City's Weekly Bulletin.

c. Speed Bumps

RESULT: Tabled [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Alderman Bach
SECONDED BY: Alderman Parrish

AYES:	Bach, Parrish
ABSENT:	Mayr

4) Work Calendar

At the next meeting, the Committee will be provided with initial Community Survey results and will discuss speed bumps in more detail.

5) Adjourn

Alderman Parrish moved to adjourn at 5:56 PM and Alderman Bach seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Enea
Executive Assistant