

CITY OF ELKHORN
Legislative and Regulatory Committee
Lower Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin
February 22, 2007

This Legislative and Regulatory Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Julie Taylor followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Julie Taylor, Gary Payson, Ron Dunwiddie

Also present: Fire Chief Rod Smith, City Deputy Clerk Shari McKinney

AFTER FIRE CLEAN-UP/QUICK RESPONSE

Committee discussed whether there is a need to create a new ordinance setting a certain amount of time (days) for clean-up after the investigation of a fire is completed. The Fire Chief had been requested to contact other communities regarding current ordinances to that effect. Mr. Smith reported that he had contacted all fire departments within the state via email and that no other community has such an ordinance. These communities regulate enforcement through occupancy permits issued by the building inspector. The Fire Chief suggested that BZA perform a follow-up in a timely fashion and keep the City informed on the clean-up process. Mr. Smith also contacted area insurance agencies and all responded in the same way - there is no set time after a completed investigation, fire clean-up time may vary depending upon whether it is a residential or commercial structure.

Committee consensus is that there does not seem to be a need to create a whole new ordinance as long as the existing ordinance is enforced through occupancy permits overseen by the City's building inspector. Committee to review existing ordinance regarding occupancy permits and code enforcement. The Clerk is requested to include a copy of this ordinance with the next agenda packet.

ORDINANCE TO BAN SALE/LAWN FERTILIZER WITH PHOSPHOROUS

Don Holst, Delavan Lake Improvement Association, requested the City create an ordinance banning the sale and use of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus. Mr. Holst requested to address the Committee regarding this agenda item. He was notified by telephone and mail of the time and place of the Committee meeting. Mr. Holst did not appear. No action taken.

AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 620/INCREASE DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Since the Clerk was not in attendance to present with the information regarding incorporating the penalty into the Utility Chapter of the Municipal Code, this matter will be held over to the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Dunwiddie/Payson) to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Shari McKinney
City Deputy Clerk