

CITY OF ELKHORN
Legislative and Regulatory Committee Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

April 9, 2014

Legislative and Regulatory Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Alderman Rehberg followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Hoss Rehberg, Gary Payson, Sr., Gregory Huss

Also present: Mayor Brian Olson, City Administrator Sam Tapson, Police Chief Joel Christensen, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Kellen Oshelanski, Members of the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ELKHORN LAKE PERMITTING OF POWER BOATS

City Administrator said in the past, use of Elkhorn Lake was limited but DNR regulations have recently changed and the City has authority over use of the lake. Members of the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers expressed a desire to use the lake for their ski practices and shows; they used the lake in the past without any problems. They also spoke regarding doing events for the public. Mayor Olson felt permitting power boats on the lake opens up opportunities for community events. Administrator Tapson said the ordinance would need to be changed to allow power boats on Elkhorn Lake; the next step is to create a permitting process. Alderman Rehberg believed the use of power boats should be allowed through a special permit and event process. A club will need to be insured and have a safety protocol. Fire Chief Smith said the fire department doesn't have a boat to respond to emergencies and doesn't recommend allowing the public to use power boats. He also recommended against putting in piers as it adds to safety concerns. **Motion (Payson/Huss) to recommend changing the City ordinance for permitted use only of power boats on Elkhorn Lake for special events. Motion carried.** Mayor Olson said the next step is setting the language for permitting; the current special event process can be used and narrowed down. Administrator Tapson said events require insurance naming the City as additional insured, a hold harmless statement and is reviewed by department heads. The permit could be similar to a conditional use permit, in that the permit itself can put in requirements such as safety protocols, time to use lake, etc. Mayor Olson wanted the City to have priority use over the lake and groups should coordinate with the Rec Director regarding events. Discussion regarding people parking at area businesses to view lake shows was discussed. Mayor Olson suggested a fee of \$2,500 for the season for use of the lake. Administrator Tapson suggested creating a Memo of Understanding for use and fees of the lake.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Payson/Huss) to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk