

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

January 28, 2016

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, Bruce Lechner (Absent: Gregory Huss)

Also present: Alderman Tom Myrin, Administrator Tapson, Police Chief Joel Christensen, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Frank Lueptow, Stephanie Lueptow, Tim Shiroda, Chris Clapper

Changes to City Ordinances Regarding Alcohol Licensing

Alderman Rehberg said the committee unanimously agreed to continue the current practice regarding alcohol licensing in the City and allow one alcohol license to be issued to a gas station or convenience store. No one under the age of 18 would be allowed to work there and alcohol sales hours would be limited. **Motion (Lechner/Rehberg) to recommend approval of the ordinance changes in Chapter 12 regarding alcohol licensing. Voice vote; motion carried.**

Adding Beekeeping Guidelines to City Ordinances

Alderman Rehberg said the beekeeping ordinance was put together using several other ordinances and what would work best for Elkhorn. Two hives are allowed per property. Alderman Lechner liked the setbacks in the ordinance. Administrator Tapson felt that who visits and reviews the site plan needs to be addressed in the ordinance. He said the change can be addressed when it is presented for the first reading and it should be sent to the Zoning Administrator to look at it.

City Attorney Ward Phillips arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Motion (Lechner/Rehberg) to recommend approval of adding Beekeeping to the City ordinances, after the Zoning Administrator's review. Alderman Myrin asked about adjoining properties to the hives.

Alderman Rehberg said it addressed adjoining, diagonal and abutting neighboring properties. **Voice vote; motion carried.**

Police Chief Christensen asked if he could discuss the alcohol changes. He was concerned on the wording for convenience stores in the changes and the definition in the zoning code. City Attorney Phillips said he also had some concerns that could invite litigation. He would like to discuss those concerns with the Police Chief. They will discuss them tomorrow. **Motion (Lechner/Rehberg) rescinded to recommend approval of the ordinance changes in Chapter 12 regarding alcohol licensing.**

Changes to Ordinance, Chapter 13, Regarding Sewer Use Connection Fees

Administrator Tapson said this section was inadvertently missed when Chapter 13 was rewritten a few years ago and it needs to be added in. This is not an impact fee, but a flat rate connect fee for sewer use.

Motion (Lechner/Rehberg) to recommend approval of the first reading for the Chapter 13 sewer use connection fees. Voice vote; motion carried.

Alderman Rehberg asked that the City Attorney and Police Chief report back to the City Clerk their findings regarding the alcohol ordinance changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Lechner/Rehberg) to adjourn at 5:17 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk