

**CITY OF ELKHORN**  
**Municipal Services and Utilities Committee**  
**Lower Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

**October 13, 2008**

Chairman Gary Payson Sr. called the Municipal Services and Utilities Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Aldermen Gary Payson, Sr., Ronald Dunwiddie, Charles Van Dyke

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Nancy Jacobson

Others present: Jeff Raykovich, 36 Ridgway St, Elkhorn

**LEAF BURNING POLICY**

Committee discussed the City's leaf burning policy after receiving a letter from Jeff Kaykovich requesting the Council to review the burning of leaves. The present policy has burning of leaves allowed from April 1 through May 31 and October 1 through November 30, seven days a week and can burn only when the wind velocity is under 18 mph. City Administrator Tapson said that the City has adopted an aggressive yard waste collection. He said Council can address the ordinance and consider changing practices; however, yard waste collection and burning is an enforcement issue. Committee discussed reviewing the policy and making some changes without banning leaf burning. The number of days could be reduced, wind velocity lowered and times burning is allowed. Raykovich asked why the City allows burning when residents pay taxes for pick-up. Alderman Van Dyke said there should be a time limit and leaves should not be allowed to smolder. Raykovich said 7 days a week is excessive.

Committee was not in favor of banning leaf burning. They asked the City Administrator to check with other communities as to their policies. The issue will be brought back to Committee with revisions and modifications.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (Van Dyke/Dunwiddie) to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

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Nancy B. Jacobson  
City Clerk