

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

October 12, 2009

Chairman Howie Reynolds called the Municipal Services and Utilities Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Howie Reynolds, Ronald Dunwiddie

Absent: Alderman Gerald Norton

Others present: Administrator Sam Tapson, DPW Director Terry Weter, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Clerk Darlene Igl, Alderman Julie Taylor, Finance Director Mary Hinske.

STORMWATER BASIN/WETLANDS MANAGEMENT

It was discussed that it is a standard practice to cut down vegetation in wetlands such as the area in Elkhorn West which recently generated complaints from citizens. DPW Director Weter stated that cutting is allowed by the DNR in an attempt to reduce or remove invasive species. Additionally, if the area is not cut, the capacity to hold storm water is reduced. It was discussed that the area in the Elkhorn West development could not be burned do to its close proximity to the residences. The area could be cut in sections on a rotating basis. DPW Director Weter was instructed to create a policy statement addressing the cutting of wetlands to present to the Committee for review. Residents will be notified once a policy is reviewed and approved by Council.

REQUEST TO VACATE EASEMENT

A request was received from Dan Carmody that the City vacate a utility easement east of 913 N. Church Street intended to serve the Market Street Apartments. Director of Election Operations Art Schmitz provided information that new easements were obtained for this area and that this original easement for the City's electric distribution system is no longer needed. Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to recommend vacating of the easement as requested to Council. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk