

**CITY OF ELKHORN**  
**Public Safety Committee**  
**Council Chambers 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

**May 31, 2011**

Chairman McClory called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Aldermen Scott McClory, Gary Payson, Sr., Jerry Anderson

Also present: Police Chief Joel Christensen, City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Building Inspector Joe Mesler

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

Administrator Tapson stated that he had met with the Building Inspector and the Police Chief to discuss and review the Property Maintenance Code Inspection and Enforcement Policy. The updated policy was provided to Committee members. Building Inspector Mesler stated that the two areas of the property maintenance code that are particularly difficult to enforce are gutters and fencing. The code states that gutters "shall be substantially free from rust and/or corrosion. After discussion, it was agreed that this language should be removed from the code.

Building Inspector Mesler provided an example of a complaint received about fencing. Mesler stated that while he agrees that the fence is clearly in a state of disrepair, he feels that it not an imminent threat to public safety as the fence is structural but not habitable.

Administrator Tapson stated that the City deals with approximately 40 properties per year with property maintenance code violations. He stated that per the revised policy, status reports would be submitted to Council members on a monthly basis.

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee would request input from Council members on suggested revisions to the Property Maintenance Code at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Any responses of suggestions or comments will be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee at a meeting scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (Anderson/Payson) to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Darlene Igl  
City Clerk