

MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Bailey at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: Alderperson Bailey Present
Alderperson Lubotsky Present
Alderperson Saryan Present
Roger Pyzyk, City Attorney Present

ALSO PRESENT: Alderperson Akers
Darren Rausch, Health Officer/Director

2. It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky to nominate Ald. Bailey as Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously. ALD. BAILEY CHAIR.

3. It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky to nominate Ald. Saryan as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously. ALD. SARYAN V. CHAIR.

4. It was moved by Ald. Saryan, seconded by Ald. Lubotsky, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2017 Legislative Committee minutes as recorded. Motion carried unanimously. 2/20/17 minutes approved

5. Discussion and decision to adopt an ordinance amending Section 12.11(5)(a) of the Municipal Code relating to allowing chickens in the City (Rausch)(LC 2/20/17; BOH 7/18/17; LC 9/18/17) Disc./adopt ord. amend. Sec.12.11 (5)(a) of Mun. Code re allowing chickens in the city
City Atty. Pyzyk spoke about previous discussions held by committees relating to this matter, and introduced Darren Rausch, Health Officer/Director, who further explained that the Board of Health continues to vote to disallow chickens due to concerns of attracting predators & increased rodent activity contributing to the spread of disease in the city. **REMOVE/AGENDA**

Ald. Saryan commented that she saw a news report stating that there had been an increase in salmonella as a result of more people having chickens, and City Atty. Pyzyk also expressed concerns over that report to Mr. Rausch.

Mr. Rausch said that although many people embrace urban agriculture, his research shows that many communities of our size continue to disallow chickens. Animal control personnel have had an increase in abandoned chickens in Milwaukee, and enforcement officials have lost track of how many people are now harboring chickens illegally.

Don Carlson, 5082 W. Colonial Ct. addressed the committee to ask that the ordinance prohibiting chickens in the city be maintained since the city is no longer rural, and chickens or any other farm animals present safety, sanitary, and nuisance problems.

Dr. Leon Saryan, 3714 W. Vogel Ave., Vice-Chairman of the Board of Health, addressed the committee advising that the current ordinance should be maintained since chickens are not conducive to an urban community, and are targets for predators and rodents.

It was moved by Ald. Saryan, seconded by Ald. Lubotsky, to deny any change to the ordinance which currently prohibits keeping chickens within the city limits. Motion carried unanimously.

DENY adopt. ord. allowing chickens in the city

6. Discussion and decision to adopt an ordinance repealing and recreating Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code pertaining to Weights and Measures (Rausch) (LC 9/18/17)

Disc./adopt ord. repeal & recreate Chapter 27 of Mun. Code

Darren Rausch said the Health Department took over this section of the Municipal Code 5 or 6 years ago explaining that it was outdated and had changed in so many ways that it made more sense to repeal and recreate the entire section by modernizing it to adopt to new standards within the state.

Adopt ord. repeal/ recreate Chap. 27 of Mun. Code re Weights & Measures
COMMON COUNCIL

It was moved by Ald. Saryan, seconded by Ald. Lubotsky, to adopt an ordinance repealing and recreating Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code pertaining to Weights and Measures. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and decision to adopt an ordinance amending Section 10.19(1) of the Municipal Code allowing dogs in parks on a leash (Bailey)(LC 9/18/17)

Disc./adopt ord. amend. Sec.10.19 (1) of Mun. Code re dogs in parks on a leash

Ald. Bailey explained that a resident of the city asked for the ordinance change in order to walk her dog on a leash through the park to get to the public library and back home. Ald. Bailey read his proposal copied from Milwaukee County to the members. His research found that the City of Greenfield is one of the only communities that prohibits dogs on the leash from being in a park.

NEXT AGENDA

Ald. Lubotsky read an email from Pam Panich, 5007 W. Cold Spring Rd., who is in favor of allowing dogs in parks on a leash, as well as at the Farmer's Market, asking her to vote in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Rausch spoke from the Farmer's Market vantage point, in that Konkel Park is a 'dog free' zone, and it's important to note that the market is a place where food is sold, and the Wisconsin Food Code prohibits dogs from those areas.

Discussion continued regarding allowing dogs at parks vs. the Farmer's Market, and enforcement of such an ordinance.

Atty. Pyzyk suggested the committee allow Mr. Rausch to bring this matter before the Board of Health for their recommendation prior to adopting an ordinance.

Refer to Bd./Hlth.

Ald. Akers said she would love to walk her dog in the park, but asked if dogs would then be allowed at Dan Jansen Fest, or The Amp, and can see potential problems that could result.

Don Carlson again addressed the committee voicing his love of dogs, but sighting possible safety issues from dog bites, and lack of responsibility by some dog owners which could be a problem if allowed in parks or crowded festivals/markets.

Discussion was held regarding dog bites and hazards (vaccinations, rabies, quarantine).

Mr. Rausch invited Common Council members to attend the next Board of Health meeting, and he will have a list of feedback from other farmer's markets in the area.

Ald. Bailey asked to see the recommendation from the Farmer's Market Association in writing.

Ald. Lubotsky would like to know if the Police Department had any reported issues at any county parks within the city; and, Ald. Saryan would like Police Department input to find out if they will be able to enforce the ordinance.

Refer/P.D.

Further discussion was held regarding restricting the inclusion of dogs at specific city events at Konkel Park, and Atty. Pyzyk said he will also need to know how to address the matter at other events such as concerts in the park, Fourth of July, movie night, etc. when drafting an ordinance. He suggested consulting with the Director of Parks and Recreation to find out what specific events are held at Konkel Park.

Refer/Dir. P&R

Don Carlson said he's observed Community Service Officers addressing dog owners at the Farmer's Market, and suggested getting all the information together rather than rushing it through.

This item will be placed on the next Legislative Committee agenda for further discussion.

8. Review of existing ordinances/procedures for update and/or clarification as the need arises (Bailey, Lubotsky, Saryan)

Update/clarify exist. Ord.

There were no additional items for discussion.

9. It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Ald. Lubotsky, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Knapper
Recording Secretary

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