

APRIL 10, 2017 LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: J. Pearson, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Others present: A. Albarado, A. Christianson, K. Gorseger, A. Kenyon, A. Lobermeier, D. Parker.

Prior to the meeting being convened Adm. Christianson responded to a question by explaining that the City's trash bag sticker system was devised in response to a long ago DNR edict that local trash collection charges be based on volume based user fees. The intent in requiring this was to make it more likely that system users would recycle in order to keep their costs down. The legislature anticipated that this would generate large quantities of recyclables Statewide that would spawn new businesses. That never materialized and, even today, markets are scarce for some recyclables. Later he noted that implementation of the sticker system was effective in reducing dropping of illicit trash in the City by non-residents. Volumes dropped by 40% overnight saving the City a considerable amount in tipping fees.

Call to Order:

Committee Chair Stoneberg called the meeting to order.

Broadband:

Mr. Albarado explained that he had hoped City adoption of a Broadband Forward Community Model Ordinance would increase our County's chances of obtaining grant funds to enhance local capacity. In looking closer at application materials that does not seem to be the case though. The advantages of upgraded broadband are that better service would be available to businesses which need it, and it could attract more vendors and so competition.

He also talked briefly about possible development of a local area network wherein the City, County, RCMH and school districts might share internet service to keep costs down.

Park Board:

Those present reviewed Ordinance 2016-11 and Municipal Code sections 2-4-8 and 2-4-13 regarding Park Board makeup. It was concluded that whether student members are residents or not they are members of the Park Board and entitled to vote. And that four of seven Park Board members constitute a quorum.

Atty. Kenyon read from Sec. 27.08 Wis. Stats. which seems to make it quite clear that the City Council decides what duties and responsibilities a local Park Board has.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.