

JUNE 8, 2015 LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Pearson, Platteter, Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorseger, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

Committee Chair Stoneberg called the meeting to order.

Accessory Buildings:

Most present seem to agree that as residents acquire more boats, mowers, bikes, lawn furniture and similar items request to put accessory buildings like yard barns in front and side yards are likely to increase. The rule changes being proposed are seen as providing an avenue, conditional use permits, whereby these requests can be considered on a case by case basis, with the Planning Commission able to custom design requirements (conditions) to make each as workable as possible or, if they cannot be made workable, to deny them. There was also discussion of limiting the sizes of such buildings and of not allowing steel or concrete block exterior finishes. No specific size limits were recommended. Motion was made by Pearson and seconded by Platteter to forward the proposed revisions to accessory building rules to the Council for review and consideration.

Fencing:

There was discussion of, perhaps, revising front yard fencing rules to allow open style fences like chain link, picket and split rail to be located within one foot of street right of way rather than five feet back as at present. There seemed to be concurrence these will look okay and work in newer areas where there is adequate room for snow storage. In older areas where houses are closer to the street it may be problematic. No motion was made to forward a recommendation to the Council.

Adult Entertainment:

Those present reviewed a proposed adult entertainment ordinance revision, as the previous Legal Affairs Committee had last proposed it. Atty. Kenyon explained that this version largely involved grafting language onto the City's previous ordinance that will pass constitutional muster so far as establishing the City's right to establish the rules. Mr. Platteter observed that the language is subject to interpretation. Atty. Kenyon acknowledged that is the case adding that differences in interpretation of meaning and intent are a good deal of the problem with such ordinances. Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to forward this amendment ordinance to the Council for review and consideration.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to adjourn at about 6:15 p.m.