

JULY 1, 2019, LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

3:45 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: Hraban, Platteter, Stoneberg. Others present: T. Carter, A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorsegner, A. Kenyon.

Call to Order:

Committee Chair called the meeting to order and presided.

Building Code:

Bldg. Insp. Gorsegner again stated that most of the changes he has proposed to City buildings codes are obsolete, have not been enforced for some time and likely should have been changed years ago to match State codes. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Hraban and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval.

Gateway Pavilion Agreement:

Adm. Christianson distributed copies of a first draft of the Gateway Pavilion Development agreement, which it had been suggested be developed to outline responsibilities of parties who will be necessarily involved with financing, operation or maintenance of that facility. He asked those present to read it and develop their own thoughts so there can be a productive discussion of its contents at a future meeting.

Bullying:

Attention was called to a news article indicating Wisconsin Rapids has developed an ordinance that provides for fining parents for bullying their children are guilty of. It was suggested that, perhaps, new school administrators be invited to a future discussion of this topic.

Marijuana:

Mr. Platteter noted that localities seem to be lowering fines for marijuana offenses and decriminalizing them. There seemed to be general support for adoption of an amendment ordinance providing for significantly reduced forfeiture for first time marijuana offenses. Judge Carter noted that court fees are already set as high as they can be. The Judge also noted that the City collects fees and forfeitures at a higher rate than most courts and has better accountability. Atty. Kenyon clarified that the forfeitures themselves can be raised though. Rather than recommending the marijuana reduction at this time, however, it was decided to review the entire Bond Schedule to see if other changes might be in order.

Mini Bikes:

Adm. Christianson stated that he had set aside an article about measures Eau Claire is considering to better control use of mini bikes and similar vehicles, but apparently set it so far aside he can't find it.

Stock Cars on Trailers on Streets:

It was noted that Sections 10-1-20 and 10-1-20 (d) (3) of the Code of ordinances seem to address ways to deal with stock cars sitting on trailers on streets for extended periods.

Vaping:

Reference was made to a Canadian law addressing advertising of vaping products and also rules on where they may be displayed for sale.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by Stoneberg, which was seconded by Hraban and carried by voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.