

JULY 19, 2017, LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: J. Pearson, B. Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, A. Lobermeier, J. Pohlman.

Call to Order:

Committee Chair Stoneberg called the meeting to order and presided.

Campfire Rules:

John Pohlman offered his thoughts on minor revisions he suggested be made to the City's current camp fire rules. All present agreed that the City code needs to provide residents the option to have camp fires and to extend the allowed time beyond 9 p.m. to midnight. A lengthy discussion ensued during which the following were among comments made.

- Main Street's camp fire at Miner Park was more a bonfire.
- The City's burning permit form needs to be revised along with the ordinance.
- The City publishes noxious weed rules, winter parking rules and others annually, so could certainly do the same with camp fire rules.
- A brochure regarding what may or may not be burned and under what wind and weather conditions will also be useful.
- The history of the 9 p.m. time limit for camp fires is that it was felt firefighters might not be readily available any later. In summer, fire light can't be truly enjoyed until after dark, which is often after 9.
- All camp fires should be with benefit of permits so there is something to revoke for non-compliance.
- Maybe burning of yard waste should be prohibited.

The following motions were made by Stoneberg, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote:

- That persons under 18 may not obtain camp fire permits and may only tend fires with adult supervision.
- That camp fires may be started after 7 a.m. and must be extinguished by midnight.
- That if LPD or LFD observe a non-compliant fire, one that causes a smoke nuisance, health or safety hazard, in the judgement of its officers, the fire may be ordered extinguished immediately.

Water Lateral Hookups:

Those present reviewed current City rules allowing plastic laterals to be connected to plastic water mains, but requiring metal laterals be connected to metal mains. Mr. Gorsegner reviewed the history of how it came to pass that Kingdom Hall recently installed a plastic lateral to connect to a metal main. All present seemed to concur that if bury depth is 8 feet or more plastic laterals should be allowed to be used with metal mains as there is little if any chance of them freezing. Not everyone concurs, however, that Kingdom Hall should have been let off the hook so far as complying with current rules. As such, a draft ordinance revision and Request for Service form revision will be forwarded to the Council without recommendation.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.