

JULY 7, 2016 LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

5:15 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: J. Pearson, B. Stoneberg. Absent: M. Platteter. Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegrner, A. Kenyon.

Call to Order:

Mrs. Stoneberg called the meeting to order.

Mardi Gras Seller's Limitations:

Those present reviewed a draft ordinance providing for limitations on sale of competing goods and services within 1,000' of Memorial Park during the Northland Mardi Gras. Most for profit and some not for profits who sell goods or services at the event pay a fee to the Jaycees for the privilege of taking advantage of the pedestrian traffic generated by the event and by the advertising the Jaycees do for it. Vendors who set up nearby without contributing are, arguably, at a competitive advantage. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to forward this to the Council along with a map of the area involved.

Substitutes:

As this meeting serves as an example, Council members have jobs and personal obligations that don't always allow them to attend meetings. The City's business needs to go on regardless. To make sure there are sufficient members present at meetings to conduct business a draft ordinance was reviewed which provides for establishing a couple substitutes for each of the seven standing Council committees. It was noted the subs should be appointed at the annual organization meeting. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to forward this to the Council.

Bid Threshold:

As minimum levels of expenditure at which public bidding is required by Wis. Stats. have increased over the years the City's requirements haven't always changed accordingly. To deal with that a proposed amendment ordinance provides that the City's requirements shall, at all times, be whatever the State's requirements are that are in place at the time. Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to forward this to the Council.

Meeting Notice Times:

Those present reviewed an ordinance amendment requiring that, to be placed on a posted Council meeting agenda, items be submitted to the Clerk by noon the Wednesday prior to the presumed Council meeting to be held the next following Monday. The proposed amendment also includes similar albeit less stringent submission deadlines for meetings of various committees, boards, commissions and joint bodies. It is recommended that items for these meetings be provided two days prior. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to forward this to the Council.

Hearing Requirements:

Those present reviewed a self imposed requirement that a public hearing be held in regard to any proposed ordinance or amendment ordinance put before the Council. A good deal is spent on publication of notices of such hearings even though folks seldom attend them. A list of matters that require hearings was also provided. This matter will be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

Closed Session:

At 6:08 p.m., motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by Pearson to go into closed session under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Pearson-yes; Platteter-absent; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned from closed session at 6:56 p.m. with no action having been taken therein.