

AUGUST 29, 2016 LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

5 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: Pearson, Platteter, Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, C. Huiras, A. Kenyon, A. Lobermeier, D. Parker, J. Pohlman.

Call to Order:

Mrs. Stoneberg called the meeting to order.

Park Board:

There was discussion of Park Board's makeup. Park Board members Carol Huiras and John Pohlman both recommended various modifications to the current ordinance which specifies membership. It was concluded that, unless that ordinance is amended, three of the current members have no vote as they were errantly appointed, being non-residents. Nobody seemed to have an objection to non residents having input. In fact they invite it. They feel it should be given in an ex-officio status, however, as having non residents voting seems a troubling precedent. It is felt student members will be more likely to provide input if not serving alone but, rather, with another student. Adm. Christianson will contact the adult Board member who is a non resident to try to convince her to stay on and continue to provide input even though she may not have a vote. Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to forward the proposed ordinance amendment attached hereto to the Council with a recommendation to approve.

Hearings:

Attention turned to amending a self imposed ordinance requiring a public hearing on any ordinance revision, however minor, to one that requires them only when required by Wisconsin law, or by Council action on a specific item of interest. One anticipated advantage to making such change is to allow desired changes to occur faster. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Platteter and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval of an amendment ordinance to accomplish this.

Tourism Commission:

Those present were advised that, pursuant to a change in State law, the City must create a Tourism Commission by year's end. The Tourism Commission, which must include representation from the local hospitality industry, will be charged with deciding uses of City room tax revenues. A copy of the legislation requiring this was distributed for review. It was noted that it isn't fair that the City collects room tax to support the visitor center, while none of the resorts or small motels elsewhere in Rusk County do so.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.