

MINUTES OF THE LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
5:15 P.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

Members Present: Committee members (J. Pohlman, III, J. West, M. Platteter) M. Reynolds

Others present: A. Kenyon, Nancy Christianson and Police Chief, K. Julien.

Call to order. Chairman Pohlman called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Minutes. Motion by J. West, seconded by J. Pohlman, to approve the July 19, 2021 Legal Affairs Committee minutes. Motion passes by voice vote 3-0.

Discussion of Ordinance 7-1-6(c), 7-1-6(d), 7-1-7(e) regarding damage caused by dogs. Discussion was held on the need to revise the word “dog” to “domestic animals” but the discussion was tabled with no recommendation or action being taken.

Discussion of Ordinance 10-1-14 regarding Downtown U-turns Prohibited. After reviewing this ordinance, the committee agreed that no changes were needed.

Discussion of Ordinance 10-2-7(a) and (b) regarding skateboards and scooters. Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by J. West, to revise the definition of a skate board in 10-2-7(a) to read “*A skate board is defined as a short narrow board with two small wheels affixed to the bottom of both ends, on which (as a recreation or sport) a person can ride in a standing or crouching position, propelling themselves by occasionally pushing one foot against the ground.*” Motion passes by voice vote 3-0.

Outside of Daylight Hours/Skateboard Use. Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by M. Platteter to delete from Ord. 7-2-7(b) the following sentence “*No person shall operate a skateboard or non-motorized scooter on any street or sidewalk in the City of Ladysmith outside daylight hours*” and replace with the following sentence “*All persons operating a skateboard or non motorized scooter on any street or sidewalk in the City of Ladysmith outside of daylight hours shall yield at all road crossings and to all pedestrians*”. In addition, the committee recommends that the Park Board post a sign at the Skate Park outlining the central business district. Motion passes by voice vote 3-0.

Discussion on Ordinance 10-4-5(c) on ATV/UTV Street Use. Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by M. Platteter, to revise 10-4-5(c) to leave the title “Designated Street Use” in place but delete all verbiage in section (c) that was adopted on April 25, 2016. Motion passes by 2-0 voice vote.

Discussion on Ordinance 10-4-6 on ATV/UTV liability insurance requirements. Committee members reviewed the City of Rice Lake’s ordinance requiring liability

insurance or financial responsibility in order to operate an ATV/UTV on Rice Lake streets. Motion by M. Platteter, seconded by J. Pohlman, to bring this topic to the Common Council for a decision on whether to hold a public hearing on possibly requiring proof of liability insurance in order to operate a ATV/UTV on city streets. Motion passes by voice vote 3-0.

Park & Recreation Ordinance 12-1-1(b)(10). After reviewing this ordinance dealing with parking and operation of motorized vehicles on park property, the Legal Affairs Committee took no action to make any changes to Ordinance 12-1-1(b)(10).

Discussion of Ordinance 11-6-5 entitled Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety. The committee again reviewed a possible new ordinance entitled Ord. 11-6-5 Drug or Criminal Gang Houses. The committee would like the first sentence revised to read *“Drug House. Any building or structure that is used to facilitate the possession, delivery, distribution or manufacture, as defined in s. 961.01(6), (9) and (13) respectively, of a controlled substance as defined in S. 961.01(4), or a controlled substance analog, as defined in s. 961.01(4m), and any building or structure where those acts take place, is a public nuisance.”* Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by M. Platteter, to approve introducing new Ordinance 11-6-5 entitled Drug or Criminal Gang Houses to the council for review and possible adoption. Motion passes by voice vote 3-0.

Use of Golf Carts on City Streets. A brief discussion on the use of golf carts on City streets was held and since the Police Chief reported no issues with this practice, no action or recommendation was made.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.