

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017, LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: M. Hraban for A. Hraban, J. Pearson, B. Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Kenyon, A. Lobermeier, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

Committee Chair B. Stoneberg called the meeting to order and presided.

Open Burning:

There was a lengthy discussion of a proposed new combination camp fire and burning permit application/approval form. Among additional changes proposed to the form were the following:

- Add a \$10 application fee for an annual permit.
- A camp fire permit holder would also need to get a burning permit to burn brush and vice versa.
- Add a permit number line, maybe in the upper right hand corner.
- Permits will only be available through LPD, as has been the case. LPD hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m, M-F, will be indicated on the form.
- Copies of Sec. 5-2-9 of the Code of Ordinances will be made available for applicant review.
- Proof of liability insurance will be required of applicants. Renter's insurance may or may not include such liability coverage.
- Permits will be both applicant and address specific.
- Notification to and approval of property owners will be required where applicants are renters.

Motion was made by Hraban, seconded by Pearson and carried to recommend Council approval of the permit form, as revised.

DNR Requirements:

DPW Gorsegner reviewed rule changes relating to cross connection and well abandonment, which are required by DNR to be adopted by locales such as Ladysmith, which are using DNR financing on projects. He went on to explain the importance of these rules in reducing the chance of contamination of municipal water systems. Many water softeners are not properly connected, for example, which residential inspections every 10 years are intended to discover. Because commercial connections are often more critical they must be inspected every 3 years. Motion was made by Hraban, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval.

Bike Licenses:

Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Hraban and carried to recommend to the Council that it formally discontinue bike licensing which, in practice, has not been done in several years. Doing so will require an ordinance amendment. Mrs. Stoneberg disagreed, noting the loss of revenue. Other comments were also offered both for and against licensing.

Adm. Christianson reported receiving a complaint that young people aren't observing rules for skate boards and bike use resulting in some near misses, particularly in the CBD. And that some such incidents have involved scooters, which aren't even mentioned in City rules.

Next Meeting:

The following items will be considered at the next meeting:

- Review draft ordinance to eliminate bike licensing.
- Review progress on cleanup of yards.
- Review camp fire open burning form changes referenced above.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.