

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017, LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING-filed as SEPTEMBER 11

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

Call to Order:

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

Property Upkeep:

There was discussion of next steps with properties where accumulation of items seems to exceed community norms. Recent photos were used to illustrate how some owners who were contacted have reacted quickly and positively, while others have done little, if anything. Atty. Kenyon commented on difficulties that might be encountered in enforcement. Do we issue tickets? Might appraisals be needed to prove impacts on property values. Chief Lobermeier advised that officers will be assigned different areas of the City to keep track of. Chief Lobermeier will seek copies of similar rules in force in comparable communities like Barron and Bloomer.

Open Burning:

Those present reviewed proposed new language requiring permits for all open burning, including back yard camp fires. A revised Application for Annual Burning Permit was also reviewed. A number of changes were proposed to both documents by Mr. Pohlman and others. Atty. Kenyon will incorporate these suggestions into the documents for review at the next meeting. Changes included the following:

- The Application form shouldn't be dated.
- Folks shouldn't be charged for the cost of fire responses.

User Agreement:

A written agreement for shared use of the former Mount Senario athletic fields by North Cedar Academy was also reviewed. [The City and North Cedar have been operating under sketchy terms of a letter to the previous property owner. The original understanding was that the City would make these facilities available to NCA without charge provided that NCA would maintain them.] It was also agreed that NCA could have use at preferred times provided that it notified the City of these, and that the public could use the facilities at other reasonable times. With new folks involved at NCA, these agreements need to be memorialized in writing to prevent confusion. Mrs. Pearson stated that local kids should have preference on times of use, at least until MNCA would have scheduled games.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will tentatively be held before the Council meeting on Sept. 25th.

Adjourn:

Chair Stoneberg adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.