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Office of the City Administrator

**Meeting of the
Public Welfare Committee
Tuesday, February 9, 2016 - 6:00 PM
South Conference Room**

AGENDA

Call to Order, Roll Call

1. Approval of December 8, 2015 meeting minutes
Action requested: review and approve
2. **RESOLUTION 3354** – A Resolution to Observe International Migratory Bird Day
Action requested: review and recommend approval
3. Item for Discussion: Mequon Community Foundation Introductory Presentation
Action requested: discussion only
4. Adjourn

Dated: February 4, 2016

/s/ Dale Mayr, Chairman

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**PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2015**

PRESENT: Aldermen Gierl, Mayr, Strzelczyk

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Abendroth (5:52 PM), City Administrator Jones, Assistant City Administrator Thyes, Community Development Director Tollefson, City Attorney Sajdak, Executive Assistant Prosser

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mayr at 5:30 PM.

Approval of November 10, 2015 meeting minutes

Action: Motion to approve the November 10, 2015 meeting minutes.
(Strzelczyk/Gierl)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation.

ORDINANCE 2015-1462 – Ordinance Amending § 30.94 and 30.96 of the Mequon Municipal Code as it Relates to the Regulation and Issuance of Fireworks Permits

Assistant City Administrator Thyes stated at the Committee's last meeting, amendments were made to the private fireworks display Ordinance 2015-1462 and noted the amended ordinance is before the Committee for review and recommendation for approval. Mr. Thyes reviewed the amendments to the proposed ordinance with the Committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Strzelczyk to discuss the item before the Committee, seconded by Alderman Gierl.

Alderman Mayr expressed concern for the 10:30 PM ending time and suggested 11:00 PM to give enough time to complete the fireworks display.

Action: Motion to amend the end time of a fireworks display to end no later than 11:00 PM except for New Year's Eve. (Mayr/Gierl)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation.

Action: Motion to amend fireworks display to four non-holidays with a maximum of six annually.
(Strzelczyk/Gierl)

Result: Motion failed.

Action: Motion to amend fireworks display to a maximum of six allowed per year. (Strzelczyk/Gierl)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation.

Action: Motion to approve ORDINANCE 2015-1462 – Ordinance Amending § 30.94 and 30.96 of the Mequon Municipal Code as it Relates to the Regulation and Issuance of Fireworks Permits as amended.
(Strzelczyk/Gierl)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation. (2/1) Ordinance 2015-1462 recommended to Common Council for approval.

ORDINANCE 2015-1452 – An ordinance amending Chapter 58, Zoning Code, as it relates to definitions and the use of single-family dwellings in the residential zoning districts for short term and long term rentals

Community Development Director Tollefson stated at the last Public Welfare Committee meeting the members of the Committee reached a consensus on policy items related to Ordinance 2015-1452. Ms. Tollefson went on to say, the amended ordinance is before the Committee for review and approval. Ms. Tollefson noted there is a bill currently pending at the state level regarding the use of single-family dwellings for short term and long term rentals.

Alderman Gierl stated he received a letter from Adam Gerol regarding his view on regulating the use of single-family dwellings for short term and long term rentals. Alderman Gierl noted Mr. Gerol had intended that the letter would be read before the Common Council, however, the ordinance is not on the December, 2015 agenda for approval by the Council. Alderman Gierl read the letter from Adam Gerol to the Public Welfare Committee.

Alderman Gierl read letters received from residents objecting to the regulation of single-family dwellings for short term and long term rentals. Alderman Gierl stated he does not support the ordinance.

Action: Motion to approve ORDINANCE 2015-1452 – An ordinance amending Chapter 58, Zoning Code, as it relates to definitions and the use of single-family dwellings in the residential zoning districts for short term and long term rentals. (Strzelczyk/Mayr)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation. (2/1) Ordinance 2015-1452 recommended to Common Council for approval.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to adjourn the meeting (Strzelczyk/Mayr)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lina Prosser, Executive Assistant
CITY OF MEQUON PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE



TO: Common Council
FROM: Jesse Thyes, Asst City Administrator/Human Resource Manager
DATE: January 29, 2016
SUBJECT: A Resolution to Observe International Migratory Bird Day

Background

The City of Mequon was first designated as a “Bird City” under former Mayor Nuernberg in 2010. The designation has been renewed annually ever since. In the past this renewal process was somewhat informal. Last year the renewal process was updated to require adoption of a resolution annually by the City’s Common Council. A draft resolution is attached.

Analysis

2016 Bird City activities will be celebrated/observed during April in conjunction with the City of Mequon’s Arbor Day Festivities and will provide public information about migratory bird conservation as noted in the draft Resolution.

Fiscal Impact

The Mequon Nature Preserve and City Staff work closely to coordinate Bird City activities that are primarily education based and that have minimal fiscal impact to the City.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the resolution be forwarded onto the Common Council for approval.



Jesse Thyes
Asst City Administrator/Human Resource Manager

COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF MEQUON

RESOLUTION NO. RESOLUTION 3354

A Resolution to Observe International Migratory Bird Day

WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that enhance our community; and

WHEREAS, our citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring and enjoy all the opportunities they have to engage in a great, recreational endeavors such as bird-watching and nature photography; and

WHEREAS, migrant bird species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating revenue related to bird watching activities; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation where citizens can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in the City of Mequon and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean and the southern United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, IMBD will be celebrated/observed in April of 2016 in conjunction with the City of Mequon's Arbor Day Festivities and will provide public information about migratory bird conservation and call the public to action to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community;

FURTHERMORE, the City Administrator, in conjunction with the Mequon Nature Preserve, has submitted an application and application fee to Bird City Wisconsin allowing the City of Mequon to maintain its "Bird City" designation that will continue to enhance the City's reputation for leadership in protecting its natural environment including bird habitats as well as recognize the interest of many of its citizens in bird conservation.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on the 9th day of February, 2016.

William H. Jones, Jr., City Clerk

Approved by: Dan Abendroth, Mayor

Date Approved: February 9, 2016

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on February 9, 2016.

William H. Jones, Jr., City Clerk

Published: _____

TO: Common Council
FROM: Jesse Thyges, Asst City Administrator/Human Resource Manager
DATE: January 29, 2016
SUBJECT: Mequon Community Foundation Introductory Presentation

Background

The Mequon Community Foundation (MCF) would like to meet with the Public Welfare Committee to discuss their mission and to kick-off an open discussion regarding potential community improvement project ideas. While there is no particular project(s) on the horizon, the MCF would like to establish a close relationship with one of the standing committees so that future ideas may have a sounding board before the MCF would go through the effort and time in facilitating any particular project.

Historically the City's standing committees have been utilized to work through issues and to review/discuss conceptual ideas in order to help provide feedback and guidance on an individual matter or project. Since this particular discussion is preliminary in nature, with no specific or tangible project proposals, it seems most appropriate for the Public Welfare Committee to have this introductory conversation.

Analysis

Per their website, the mission of the Mequon Community Foundation is to afford a means by which Mequon residents and friends could aid the community in its efforts to maintain high-quality institutions, facilities and services. In addition, it supports programs and projects that contribute to and enhance the viable and progressive character and wholesome environment of the community.

The Mequon Community Foundation supports projects in recreation, education, culture, outdoor beautification and general public improvement. Mequon residents and businesses that donate funds to the foundation can be confident their gifts will be used to benefit a significant number of residents for years to come.

At this time the MCF hopes to open a dialogue and to ask the committee to give some thought to ideas for future projects. It is anticipated that the MCF would come back to the Committee in March or April to review/discuss those thoughts and ideas.

Fiscal Impact:

The MCF has made it known that they are not looking for financial or other forms of support. Rather they are looking for ways in which their group can provide support to the City of Mequon.

Recommendation:

No action is required as this item is for discussion only.



Jesse Thyges
Asst City Administrator/Human Resource Manager