



11333 N. Cedarburg Road
Mequon, WI 53092-1930
Phone: 262/236-2914
Fax: 262/242-9655

www.ci.mequon.wi.us

Office of the City Administrator

**PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2015**

PRESENT: Aldermen Gierl, Mayr, Strzelczyk

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Abendroth (5:35 pm), City Administrator Jones (6:07 pm), Assistant City Administrator Thyges, Operations Manager/Parks Director Curran, City Attorney Sajdak (5:43 pm), Executive Assistant Prosser

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

Placement of Donated Statue

Don Curran, Operations Manager/Parks Director, stated at the June 23, 2015 Public Welfare Committee meeting, questions were raised on the existing plans for the location being considered for the donated statue. Mr. Curran went on to say, as per the Committee's request; two sets of documents related to the plans for Settlers Park have been provided for the Committee's review. Mr. Curran noted the area being considered in Settlers Park is the area south of the asphalt, to the north end of the lawn.

Action: Motion to approve the Park Board's recommendation for placement of the statue with the understanding the location is a temporary placement. (Mayr/Strzelczyk)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation.

Alderman Gierl called for a point of order during the discussion to point out the Committee did not say the pledge of allegiance, and drew attention to the fact there were no minutes from the last meeting in the packet. Alderman Mayr stated common practice is for the pledge of allegiance to be said prior to the Common Council meeting, and mentioned there have been times when minutes were not available for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 3303 City of Mequon Coyote Policy and Response Plan

Assistant City Administrator Thyges stated the Committee has been provided with an updated coyote policy and response plan based upon the Committee's feedback from the last committee meeting. Mr. Thyges went on to say, there was a consensus among the committee on the response plan with three adjustments being recommended; 1) setting forth the options that currently exist for residents in the city, which was created as a flow chart on the bottom of page nine of the policy document 2) carrying out the theme of education throughout the first three levels of the coyote response plan in appendix A of the policy 3) adding question number 14 to the incident report to describe how the problem animal reacted to the hazing efforts identified in the previous question. Mr. Thyges noted, in order to continue to move forward with an actionable policy and plan, the nuisance permit will be brought back to the Committee to address questions with regard to; the assignability process of a nuisance permit, how the permit will be tracked and assigned, the allowable parcel size for baiting activity and the finalization of the exact permit terms.

Mr. Thyes pointed out, DNR specialist, Tom Issac, mentioned at the last meeting the Department of Natural Resources is willing to work with staff and the city to finalize the terms provided in the draft permit. Mr. Thyes stated the policy and response plan is before the Committee this evening for recommendation to the Committee of the Whole and Common Council for further approval. Mr. Thyes noted he has distributed to the Committee, information received in an e-mail from the United States Humane Society which was sent to him and all elected officials.

Alderman Strzelczyk stated it would have been helpful to have received the terms of the nuisance permit in the meeting packet and to have been able to discuss the permit at the meeting as an item on the agenda. Alderman Mayr stated the nuisance permit and the Coyote Policy and Response Plan are two separate issues and in order for city staff to look into obtaining a contractor, the approval of the Coyote Policy and Response Plan is essential, the nuisance permit will come back for further discussion at the next meeting.

Alderman Gierl pointed out at the last meeting it was agreed to dispatch coyotes that attack pets, as it is currently written it reads removal. Alderman Gierl made note at the last meeting it was made clear, the city is under no potential liability with regard to the issuance of a nuisance permit.

Action: Motion to amend Level 4 – Nuisance Removal to . . . *locate, trap and/or lethally dispatch the nuisance coyote(s)*. (Gierl/Strzelczyk)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation.

Alderman Strzelczyk requested the URL address for the city's website and Department of Natural Resources' be changed within the response plan to an address that is easily identified.

The Committee went on to discuss the inclusion of the nuisance permit in the response plan rather than addressing the nuisance permit as a separate item.

Alderman Strzelczyk stated level four should include resident along with city contractor in order for residents to understand they have the ability to apply for a nuisance permit or hire their own contractor to trap. Alderman Strzelczyk stated he is not comfortable with moving the Coyote Policy and Response Plan to the Common Council as it is written.

Assistant City Administrator clarified, the reason the draft nuisance permit is being handled as a separate item is, due in part, the city currently does not have a nuisance permit to hand out to either a city contractor or an interested party to utilize. Mr. Thyes noted the city is actively pursuing the permit and the plan is to bring the draft nuisance permit back to the Committee at their next meeting to finalize the terms in regards to the number of acres, the assignability of the permit, and determine the amount of bait that can be used.

City Administrator Jones respectfully requested, due to time constraints, the Committee table the item and suggested pulling the item for discussion at the Committee of the Whole and from the Common Council agenda. Mr. Jones offered the suggestion of a workshop prior to the Committee's next meeting.

The items to be discussed at the workshop include; verified pet attack, what is needed to implement the nuisance permit, and definition of the triggering events.

Action: Motion to table Resolution 3303 City of Mequon Coyote Policy and Response Plan
(Gierl/Strzelczyk)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation (2/1).

Adjourn

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

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lina Prosser, Executive Assistant

CITY OF MEQUON PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE