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**PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2015**

PRESENT: Aldermen Gierl, Mayr, Strzelczyk

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Jones, Assistant City Administrator Thyges, City Attorney Sajdak, Captain Buntrock, Tom Isaac-Wildlife Biologist, State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Executive Assistant Prosser, Interested Parties, Press

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mayr at 6:30 PM.

Approval of July 21, 2015 meeting minutes

Action: Motion to approve July 21, 2015 meeting minutes with suggested changes. (Strzelczyk/Gierl)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation.

RESOLUTION 3303 Adopting a City of Mequon Coyote Nuisance Management and Response Plan Policy

Assistant City Administrator Thyges stated as a result of the Committee's July 21, 2015 workshop, the final Coyote Nuisance Management and Response Plan policy proposal is before the Committee for consideration. Mr. Thyges stated the minor revisions made to the policy document included; clarification of the triggering events, the ability to assign the nuisance removal permit to residents, and the definition of a verified pet attack. Mr. Thyges pointed out the vast majority of the terms and conditions that were proposed as part of the workshop have either been incorporated into the DNR's nuisance removal permit directly or will be carried out by staff as part of the assignability process. Mr. Thyges informed the Committee the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' legal department has opined that the city cannot charge a fee for assigning a nuisance permit, state law NR12.10 prohibits a fee from being charged. In addition, the city cannot require proof of liability insurance from a resident who is applying for the city's nuisance permit for the reason that the requirement would place an additional cost burden on the resident. Mr. Thyges noted although the city is unable to charge a direct fee or require liability insurance from a resident, it does not change the end goal of being able to provide an assignable nuisance permit to residents or their contractors.

Staff was asked to follow up with the DNR regarding whether the city could require residents to provide proof of homeowners insurance before a nuisance permit can be issued.

Alderman Strzelczyk stated the assignability of the nuisance permit to residents should be included at level four, as well as, within the resolution. The Committee agreed to make the change.

Action: Motion to approve RESOLUTION 3303 Adopting a City of Mequon Coyote Nuisance Management and Response Plan Policy (Strzelczyk/Gierl)

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation. RESOLUTION 3303 Adopting a City of Mequon Coyote Nuisance Management and Response Plan Policy was recommended to Common Council for approval.

Adjourn

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

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lina Prosser, Executive Assistant

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