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**Office of the City Administrator**

**PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 9, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Aldermen Gierl, Mayr, Pukaite

**ALSO PRESENT:** Acting City Administrator Thyges, City Attorney Sajdak, Alderman Leszczynski (5:46 pm), Police Chief Graff, Executive Assistant Prosser, Press (5:50 pm)

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Mayr at 5:45 PM.

**Approve meeting minutes of November 11, 2014**

**Action:** Motion to approve meeting minutes of November 11, 2014 (Gierl/Pukaite)

**Result:** Motion passed by voice acclamation.

**ORDINANCE 2014-1440 - An ordinance amending Chapter 2 for the Mequon Municipal Code so as to add honesty provisions to the ethics and personnel codes**

City Attorney Sajdak stated, he received direction to review the city's ethics code and determine whether an honesty provision could be provided within the city's existing ethics code. Attorney Sajdak noted there are two codes that needed to be addressed; Section I which covers employees, elected officials, and appointed officials to the city's boards and commissions, and Section II which covers the personnel code. Mr. Sajdak reviewed the amendments to the city's ethics code with the Committee.

Alderman Mayr questioned whether Section II (c) should read dishonest rather than using the word dishonesty. City Attorney Sajdak pointed out a coma should be placed after dishonesty and the word "or" should be deleted. Alderman Pukaite asked whether the amendments pertain to all employees, elected officials, and appointed officials at any level. City Attorney Sajdak confirmed Alderman Pukaite's inquiry. Alderman Gierl stated he is satisfied with the amendments to the ethics code.

**Action:** Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-1440-An ordinance amending Chapter 2 for the Mequon Municipal Code so as to add honesty provisions to the ethics and personnel codes (Pukaite/Gierl)

**Result:** Motion passed by voice acclamation. Ordinance 2014-1440 recommended to Common Council for approval.

**Efforts to address resident concerns about coyotes**

Alderman Mayr announced he would like to hold a preliminary meeting on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to gather information on coyotes. Alderman Mayr stated he would like to give residents the opportunity to voice their concerns about coyotes and for residents to receive input as to what the city has already done regarding coyotes in Mequon.

Alderman Leszczynski stated the University of Stevens Point has a wildlife management program and suggested contacting the dean of the wildlife management program to discuss thesis opportunities for students enrolled in the program.

Alderman Mayr stated he did make contact with a hunt club to see if there were any interested parties available to provide information on coyotes.

Acting City Administrator Thyes asked the Committee as to whether they would be available to meet on the fourth Tuesday in January to hold a special meeting with a DNR biologist present at the meeting. Mr. Thyes inquired whether the Committee would agree to hold the meeting at the Mequon Nature Preserve. The Committee agreed to hold the meeting at the Mequon Nature Preserve on Tuesday, January 27 and asked that the meeting be held at 7:00 PM. Mr. Thyes will confirm the location of the January meeting with Alderman Mayr.

Alderman Pukaite stated she would like to be able to obtain information from residents on when, where, and under what conditions coyote incidents are occurring around the city. Alderman Mayr suggested using an online resource, survey monkey, for residents to record coyote incidents. Acting City Administrator Thyes will research whether survey monkey would be a good resource to record and collect information on coyote incidents.

Acting City Administrator Thyes stated staff has worked to provide residents with educational materials via the city's web site, noting a separate web page has been created with links to educational materials. Mr. Thyes mentioned the Mequon Nature Preserve is assisting the city with providing educational information on coyotes and the Village of Thiensville has offered their help with providing information to residents.

Alderman Adams asked that residents who voiced their concern about coyotes at the last Common Council meeting receive information on the upcoming meetings regarding coyotes in Mequon.

**Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion to adjourn the meeting (Pukaite/Gierl)

**Result:** Motion passed by voice acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lina Prosser, Executive Assistant

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