

COMMUNITY PROTECTION & SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 9, 2019

A meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Williams in the Council Chambers, City Hall. **Roll Call:** Members Mr. Williams, Ms. Reeths and Mr. Wiederanders were present. Also present from City Departments were Mr. VanLieshout, Chief Porter, Captain Brinkman, Mr. Stawicki, Mr. Barker and Mr. Olejniczak.

Moved by Ms. Reeths seconded by Mr. Wiederanders to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items
4. Consideration of: 2020 Cable TV Budget
5. Discussion of: Identification of Hazardous Products, Education and the City's Authority to Regulate
6. Discussion of: Becoming a Green Tier Community
7. Consideration of: Coal Tar Sealant Products
8. Consideration of: Use of Round-Up in the City
9. Consideration of: Review of City's Facebook Policy
10. Discussion of: School Safety Programs
11. Adjourn

Public Comment

Chris Kellems, 120 Alabama Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI
Spoke on a number of agenda items.

Cable TV Budget

Mr. VanLieshout explained the Cable TV budget presented to the Committee. The City is contracted with Mann Communications, who runs and manages programming on the public access channels. The principal revenue source is derived from taxes collected through cable billing. The expenses include equipment, cameras, servers and contract work with Mann Communications. A certain portion of excess revenue is required to be set aside in an available fund balance for the fund, to be used for future investments.

Moved by Ms. Reeths, seconded by Mr. Wiederanders, to approve the Cable TV budget for 2020 as presented. All ayes. Carried.

Hazardous Products

Mr. Williams spoke how products used in the community that may be hazardous are regulated by laws and subject to reporting. Certain thresholds require certain levels of input in recording requirements, giving a good idea of the identification of what is in our community from a hazardous material stand-point.

There is sufficient education in the community, especially with the Local Emergency Planning Committee who does a good job with this. The LEPC has a lot of pieces of

information about different types of products, and encourages people to have an emergency plan in case one of these items is released and becomes hazardous for the community.

Mr. Williams feels the hardest part is the citizen's authority to regulate materials. However, he stated he does not think there is reason to be concerned, as the other processes require on-site inspection by the Fire Department, so if there are issues a process is in place to deal with those types of violations. Mr. VanLieshout agrees the City has the ability to authorize and regulate materials without concern.

At this time the committee feels comfortable with where things are right now. If there is a point where this becomes an issue, it will be taken up again for discussion and the possibility of creating an ordinance that can be enforced will then be considered.

Green Tier Community

The committee would like to gather more information regarding starting the process, the amount of work it entails and the value it offers to the community. The possibility of establishing an ad hoc committee to gather data was discussed.

Moved by Ms. Reeths, seconded by Mr. Wiederanders, to table this item until next meeting in order to obtain more information on the topic. All ayes. Carried.

Coal Tar Sealant

Jon Richards from Clean Wisconsin and Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, presented to the committee. Mr. Richard's presentation gave an overview on their work eliminating the use of coal-tar-based sealants used on parking lots and driveways, and how the use of sealants pollutes the waterways with dangerous toxins. Exposure to these toxins cause damage to not only the environment, but to the health of the public.

The initiative is to have the City create an ordinance banning coal-tar sealants, and offered a model ordinance used by others. The hope of creating such an ordinance would create an educational platform for citizens, thought to be more effective than enforcement with monetary fines; but that option is written into the ordinance.

At this time the DNR and EPA currently recognize this product bad for the environment; a statewide ban is looking to be passed on coal-tar sealants. The hope is the Legislature will pick it up as part of the clean water task force, but as of now there is no commitment to pass this.

At this time, it was decided to send a sample ordinance to our City Attorney for his review, and to get his viewpoint. If the City then feels we are in a position where something should be done, an ordinance modified for the City in mind will be brought forward.

It was agreed that coal-tar sealants are a hazard, and action will be taken to move forward with this item.

Moved by Ms. Reeths, seconded by Mr. Wiederanders, that the City Attorney review and potentially draft an ordinance on coal-tar sealants. All ayes. Carried

Use of Round Up

It was agreed more education about the product was needed to further discussion. At this time the committee was unsure how to enforce such a ban, and feels it is too early to decide on this without more information.

At this time the committee feels public education is working. Writing an banning the product would be difficult to enforce. If there is a point where this becomes an issue, it will be readdressed.

Facebook Policy

At this time the City does not have a specific policy addressing social media. The question arose whether or not one is needed. Currently, staff monitor what is on the Facebook page. Certain criteria are in place regulating use; parameters are set to filter threatening, demeaning or vulgar comments.

The value behind social media is being able to see the issues important to the community, and get a sense of what people struggle with. Social media is an essential way people communicate.

It was decided that writing a policy regulating use by staff on social media at this time, will be further discussed at the next meeting. This gives more time to enquire with staff and gather more information to make a clear decision.

School Safety Program

This item was discussed at Council. Sturgeon Bay schools have had a liaison officer longer than the other county schools. The committee feels quite confident in the program that has been implemented; it has been a model for other programs around the country.

Mr. Williams will request Aaron LeClair, Director of Emergency Services and Captain Dan Brinkman come to a Council meeting in the near future to give a brief presentation the program the area has, and what services are offered.

Moved by Mr. Wiederanders, seconded by Ms. Reeths, to adjourn the meeting of the Community Protection Services Committee. All ayes. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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