

COMMUNITY PROTECTION & SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 1, 2023

A meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee was called to order at 4:30pm by Chairperson Williams in the Council Chambers, City Hall. **Roll Call:** Ald. Williams, Ald. Reeths and Ald. Wiederanders were present. Also present from City Departments were Chief Henry, Chief Dietman and Jim Stawicki.

Moved by Ald. Reeths, seconded by Ald. Wiederanders to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2023
4. Public Comment of Agenda Items
5. Consideration of: Wood Fired Furnaces
6. Discussion of: Street Lights
7. Adjourn

All Ayes. Carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Ald. Wiederanders seconded by Ald. Reeths to approve the January 4, 2023 minutes. All Ayes. Carried.

Public Comment

None

Wood Fired Furnaces

There was previous discussion on the City prohibiting the use of outdoor wood fired furnaces; it was decided to develop an ordinance banning the use of them. An ordinance was presented and reviewed by the City Attorneys, and brought to the committee in order to move it forward.

Moved by Ald. Wiederanders seconded by Ald. Reeths to recommend the Common Council approve the changes as presented in Section 6.28 – Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces Prohibited, of the City of Sturgeon Bay Municipal Code. All ayes. Carried.

Street Lights

Citizen concern over dark areas throughout the City, and whether certain areas could be revisited in the need for a light was the reason for this was brought back to committee.

Comments:

- Use of sidewalks on main roads lesson safety concerns. Pedestrian accident a few years ago was the only incident in a residential area with less lighting.
- Areas listed in citizen complaint included Michigan Street, 3rd Avenue to Memorial Drive and Lansing Avenue. Incidents regarding these areas were few.
- Some extended blocks with longer stretches between lights have been a topic of concern.

Ideas discussed include:

- Placing motion sensors on light poles; these are difficult to place and are expensive.
- Using solar power in winter there is not enough daylight to activate the lights at night.

The cost savings of taking the street lights out in 2009 and again in 2013 is around \$145,000 a year. Majority of lights are now LED, which is a savings on maintenance cost. Customers are able to put up their own street light which runs about \$110-\$120 a year, but might cost thousands of dollars to place because of the need to run electricity to the pole.

At this time the committee is requesting public safety workers (Police, Fire, EMS, Utilities, Street Dept.) to look to see if there are any areas they come across that might need additional lighting. This will be assessed within the next month and brought back to the committee for future discussion.

Moved by Ald. Wiederanders, seconded by Ald. Reeths to adjourn the meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee. All ayes. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Spude-Olson
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