

CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN
JULY 13, 2020 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held Monday, July 13, 2020 at the Municipal Building, 800 Borner St. Prescott, WI 54021

Aldersperson Hintz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Bailey Ruona and Thomas Oss. Also present Mayor David Hovel. City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Ruona/Hintz motion to approve the minutes for February 12, 2020 passed without a negative voice vote.

The committee reviewed the swimming pool ordinance. Jamie Knox of Riverwood Street stated she would like to see the swimming pool ordinance updated to include above ground pools. She stated a neighbor recently put in an above ground pool and even though the neighbor has a fence, the fence is still open due to landscaping which is still being completed. She said there is a ladder by the pool which is being let when the pool is unattended. Jamie stated there are other neighbors who also have above ground pools. Jamie stated she is not willing to allow another person have the responsibility for her children. Michael Churney of Chestnut Street stated he has an above ground pool. He also has about an acre of land. He stated it would be very costly from him to put a fence about his property. Michael stated he feels it is the parent of the children responsibility to know where their children are and if they aren't comfortable with a neighbor having a pool they should put up the fence. Aldersperson Hintz state she is in favor of having a fence if the pool is above or below ground. Aldersperson Ruona stated she would not be in favor of requiring a fence for an above ground pool. Aldersperson Oss stated as the ordinance is written now the pools would be legal. Mayor Hovel stated the community he works in if the pool is over 48 inches tall than they not need a fence. Aldersperson Oss stated there should be no pools in front yards. City staff was directed to look at other community ordinances regarding above ground pools.

Aldersperson Hintz asked how code enforcement was going without a code enforcement office. City staff is following up with complaints which are received. There hasn't been a lot of complaints so they have all been followed up.

The committee review street parking for campers, vehicles which are parked on streets but not being used. The city ordinance requires vehicles to be moved every 48 hours. Aldersperson Hintz has several different areas in the city should would like to have checked out.

The two ordinances for the boat launch were reviewed and appear to be able to cover any parking or launching issues.

Mowing and grass clipping being left in the street was discussed. The city doesn't have an ordinance which pertains to the grass clippings it is just best practices. City staff will work on an ordinance for grass clippings left in the street.

The committee has a discussion as why the kayak launch and beach were closed. There is street construction happening on Lake Street. Everyone thinks just because the street is not torn up things are happening but there were a number of things which needed to be done underground and with the number of vehicles which were being parked at the beach and kayak launch the companies were unable to do the marking. This was going to cost the city more money because they would have to continue to come back so the beach and kayak launch were closed by staff with guidance from the Chief of Police.

Aldersperson Hintz asked who's responsibility it is for commercial businesses parking lots to be maintained? It is the business responsibility and the city will only get involved if their issues are creating problems for public infrastructure.

There was discussion of outside storage for commercial businesses. Depending on what zoning code the business is located they may be required to fence the property. Aldersperson Hintz has a couple of areas she would like city staff to look at including the boat storage on St. Croix Street.

Oss/Ruona motion to recommend the changes to Chapter 259, Building Construction, which would allow the city's building inspector to be delegated at the commercial building inspector for the city passed without a negative voice vote.

Hintz/Oss motion to recommend changes to the operator's license ordinance to allow designated municipal officials to approve operator licenses passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruona/Hintz motion to recommend changes for posting of agendas so they are posted in at least one public place and placing a notice electronically on the governmental body's internet site passed without a negative voice vote.

Hintz/Oss motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator