

PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Present: Mayor Caron and Council Members Buhler, Danforth, Mantey, Lalim & Weyh

Also Present: Council Members Albertson, Roby & Vilhauer, Chip Premus, Rob Beynon, Kristen Bobzien, Matt Roby & others

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sarah Caron.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Bruce Buhler and seconded by Josh Weyh to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: minutes from the May 30, 2018 Public Works/Safety Committee meeting. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Approval of the Agenda

Motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Beth Mantey to approve the agenda; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Adam Lalim joined the meeting.

Review of Fireworks Permitting Procedure

Fire Marshal Chip Premus reviewed the procedure for issuing fireworks permits. Permits are only issued to professional operators, and the operators must follow the NFPA 1123 codes for fireworks shows. No permits are issued in residential areas. The procedure is to review their request, ask the city to be named on the liability insurance certificate, request a map of the location of the fireworks show indicating the distances between the discharge area and the spectators. By ordinance, the only time fireworks can be deployed is on the 4th of July at Lake Kampeska, unless a permit has been approved by the city council. This was informational only, and no action was taken. With the 4th of July coming up, a press release will be issued to remind the public of the rules for fireworks.

Discussion on speed limits around Lake Kampeska

Mayor Caron led the discussion on speed limits around Lake Kampeska. Maps of the current and proposed speed limits were viewed. Currently there are variable speed limits around the lake, and many complaints have been received that the 40 mph is too fast. The proposal is for 30 mph on the north and west, and 25 mph on the south & east sides of the lake, with the exception of the current 45 mph on Highway 20, over which the DOT has jurisdiction. Also proposed is to not change the 15 mph that is currently along a short stretch by Cattail Crossing Golf Course. It was discussed that the stretch from old Highway 139 to Sandy Shores could be higher than the proposed 25 mph. The Mayor stated that public input will be taken at the June 18 council meeting, to be held at 5:30 pm, and she urges the public to attend and weigh in before a decision is made. No action was taken.

Old Business

None

New Business

A discussion was held on mowing of private property. When a complaint of long grass is received, the property owner is given notice to get the property mowed, and if not taken care of, the city mows and bills the owner. Mike Danforth would like to see an increase in charges for repeat

occurrences. Street Superintendent Rob Beynon spoke on their procedure, which is to bill \$100 per man, per hour, from the time the mower leaves the shop, until finished. Concerns were voiced that our resources are being used too much for private property mowing complaints instead of maintaining the city parks. New and expanding park facilities means we are spread thinner with personnel and equipment. Bruce Buhler added that the Park Board is considering outsourcing some of the park department's mowing. It was mentioned that other communities are very aggressive with fines for mowing and non-completed construction projects, even fining by the day. Further discussions will be held during the budget process on incrementally increasing the mowing fee for repeat occurrences, as well as implementing fines. No action was taken.

Executive Session

None held.

Motion made by Josh Weyh and seconded by Adam Lalim to adjourn meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Marscheider