

June 15, 2020

Sanitation/Planning & Zoning/Dog Control

Meeting called to order 6 p.m. by Chairman, Alan McCoy.

Present: Alan McCoy, Mary Cook, Cedric Schnitzler, Sharon Folcey and Ron Luethe.

Also Present: Alison Elliott-Sanitation, Zoning, Dog Control Administrator, Amber Dvorak Humane Officer and Jeff Leis On-Call Humane Officer, members of the public.

Possible Corrections and Approval of May 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

A **Motion** was made by Sharon Folcey and seconded by Ron Luethe to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried: 5-0.

Public Comments: (3 minutes each, one time only)-

Randy Shaw spoke in regards to the proposed amendments to Ch5 Animals, in particular the amendment regarding dog barking. Randy has Coonhound dogs (Kennel) and this breed of dogs are meant to be barking dogs for their intended propose, hunting. The type of hunting they are used for requires them to bark at tree animals. He trains them with hanging things in the trees, etc with scents and teaching them to “tree” by barking. It is a required part of their nature. He is located out in the country and has campgrounds, cranberry marsh growers and farmers where equipment and noise levels are a factor as well. He does not feel that this would be fair to limit noise issues to just dogs. If this ordinance would be put in place the county should look at noise levels for all types of noise complaints.

Sanitation & Zoning:

FEMA Floodplain Mitigation Grant/DNR Municipal Flood Control Grant

Alison had nothing further to update at this time. Alison stated that she is still waiting to hear back from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR approval must come first to see how much is available to provide the matching funds required for the FEMA-buyout grant. A committee member asked if Alison could contact the DNR and find out who is doing the reviewing so we could contact them so we can move forward with this project.

Public Hearings:

Proposed Amendments to Ch 47-Zoning and Ch 50-Floodplain

Alison Elliott reviewed the proposed amendments to Ch 47 and Ch 50 and answered questions.

Alison went over the proposed amendments to include:

- 1) Campgrounds: Changes proposed reflect state regulations and add tourist rooming house as a conditional use permit.
- 2) Unresolved violations or arrears on a parcel will have to be resolved before a zoning permit can be issued.
- 3) Site restrictions: Proposed change make it easier to obtain permits for property that is land locked by the Elroy-Sparta bike trails or LaCrosse River State Trails.
- 4) Buildings- Changes would clarify the limit on the number of Dwellings per parcel
- 5) Signs-changes would take out “On premises” signs regulations and create a flat fee for signs.
- 6) After the fact fees: Changes would add “after-the-fact” fee for Variances, Change of Zoning District, and Conditional Use Permits.

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Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Cedric Schnitzler, seconded by Ron Luethe to approve the proposed amendments to Ch47.
Motion carried: 5-0.

Chapter 50:

Alison stated the reason for the proposed amendments to Ch 50-Floodplain is to bring the county ordinance into compliance with State and Federal regulations regarding flood plain zoning.

Discussion was held:

A motion was made by Sharon Folcey, seconded by Mary Cook to approve the proposed amendments to Ch50.
Motion carried: 5-0

Resolution for Fee increase for Ch 47 zoning

Alison heard back from the zoned towns and the majority of the zoned towns approved the increase for chapter 47 zoning fees.

Motion was made by Ron Luethe, seconded by Cedric Schnitzler to approve the resolution for fee increase for Ch 47 zoning. Motion carried: 5-0.

Resolution for Fee increase for Ch 35 Subdivisions

Alison explained to the committee that in the past the county did not have a Land Use Planner (Roxie Anderson). With the development of subdivisions our Land Use Planner works closely with the developers and the zoning department to review the proposed subdivisions. The Land Conservation felt the department should have fees for their services.

Discussion was held:

Motion was made by Ron Luethe, seconded by Cedric Schnitzler to approve the fee increase for Ch 35 Subdivisions.

Further discussion was held. There were questions how the fee was determined and several of the committee members were asking Alison if she could contact several of the surrounding counties to see what their fees are for comparison. Alison agreed to check on this request.

Ron Luethe withdrew his motion and Cedric Schnitzler withdrew his second to the motion.

A motion was made by Ron Luethe seconded by Sharon Folcey to postpone the resolution for Ch 35 Subdivision until next month's meeting. Motion carried: 5-0.

Shoreland Zoning Violation in the Town of Wilton (Borntreger)

Alison spoke with Andy Kaftan the County's Corporation Counsel regarding any updates on the violation letter sent to Mr. Borntreger. Andy stated he has not heard back from Mr. Borntreger and would be following up on this violation.

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Dog Control:

Resolution for proposed amendments to Ch 5 Animals

Cedric Schnitzler made a motion, seconded Mary Cook to place the resolution to amend Ch 5 to the floor for discussion.

Amber Dvorak-Humane Officer, spoke regarding the proposed amendments for Ch 5 animals.

It has been proposed to amend the following topics:

Unattended pets-vehicles.

Failure to groom-special breeds if not groomed properly can develop health issues.

Beating animals-cruelty

Dog barking.

Amber stated that dog barking is a very difficult topic since all dogs bark and for various reasons.

Jeff Leis-On-Call Humane Officer spoke and stated that a lot of his calls are dogs running at large and barking dogs. Most of his calls he finds that dogs have not been licensed or have not had rabies vaccines. Also he mention that the complaints of dog barking can be various reason why they are barking. Unattended, other dogs or animals, tied up, etc.

Discussion was held:

Cedric Schnitzler made a **motion**, seconded by Ron Luethe to amend the resolution to strike sec 5-83 regarding dog barking. Motion carried. 5-0.

Mr. Schnitzler stated that noise complaints are larger than just dogs he feels this should not be singled out but would be more appropriate to include in an ordinance that addresses all types of nuisance noises.

Motion was made by Ron Luethe, seconded by Sharon Folcey to approve resolution as amended for changes to Ch 5 Animals. Motion carried. 5-0.

Financial Report

FINANCIAL REPORT - VOUCHERS - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS – CREDIT CARD EXPENDITURES – LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Budget adjustment for 2020 Sanitation Department

Alison explained the amount of money that the applicants will be receiving in 2020 from the State of Wisconsin Grant Program will be larger than anticipated. This grant comes from the state and is disbursed by the county to individual property owners for the replacement of failing septic systems. Alison explained that the county just acts as a pass through for the State program.

A **motion** was made by Mary Cook, seconded by Cedric Schnitzler to approve the 2020 budget adjustment for the Sanitation Department. Revenue account and the matching expense account will both be increased. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held and the financial report was reviewed by the Committee.

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Department Vouchers		Interdepartmental Transfers		Credit Card Voucher	
Sanitation	2,010.30	Sanitation		Sanitation	110.00
Zoning	0	Zoning		Zoning	125.00
Dog Control BOA	2,487.71 270.32	Dog Control	315.00	Dog Control	73.58
Total	4,768.33	0	315.00		308.58

Set Date for Next Meeting and Possible Agenda Items.

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 20, 2020 and will start at 6:00 pm in the County Board meeting room in the Justice Center. Possible agenda items: No Public hearings for July.

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Ron Luethe, and seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried: 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Recorded by Gretchen Jilek