

APPROVED

MINUTES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

September 22, 2014, 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call found Alderman Earley, Hallett, Edwalds, Meissner and Murphy.

Alderman Fuesting was not present.

Also in attendance were Commander Laub; John Fincham, Community Development Assistant Director and John Said, Community Development Director

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Public Affairs Committee of August 25, 2014. Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Earley, Hallett, Edwalds, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations.

The following people were in attendance for the item of discussion on Modification of the City Code to Allow Backyard Chickens.

Pat McAssey and Patricia McAssey, 815 Town Road. Mr. McAssey handed out a packet with information regarding the raising of chickens in rural settings. Ms. McAssey voiced her opinion on raising backyard chickens have the benefit of their eggs being more nutritional and less costly.

Ms. Fotte, 811 Town Road. Ms. Fotte's stepfather lives next door to the McAssey family and wanted to voice her opinion that there has never been an issues with smell or noise with the neighbors chickens.

Crystal Schroeder and Grace Schroeder, 322 Grandlake

Kim Harden, 4N275 Avard Road

Sherry Juarez, 517 Blakely Street

Ben Johnson, 1N271 Ridgeland Avenue

Manuel Gonzalez, 703 W. Brown Street

Juan Sanchez, 237 E. Pomeroy Street

A. An Ordinance Modifying Chapter 4, Article I, Building Code, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago (Life Safety Code).

Alderman Edwalds made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Earley, Hallett, Edwalds, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

4. Items for Consent.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Funding for the MRTC-Kenneth D. Salomon, Thompson Coburn LLP. Committee gave direction to seek short term and long term budgetary funding for the services of Thompson Coburn LLP.

B. Modification of the City Code to Allow Backyard Chickens. Chairmen Chassee gave direction to the Committee to gather further information on complaints, enforcements and solutions from surrounding towns. This agenda item will return to the committee for review and direction.

6. Unfinished Business.

The city was advised that there are no additional engineering solutions or fixes that would address the excessive engine braking concerns along Route 59 at/or near Hawthorne Lane.

7. New Business.

8. Reports from Staff.

A. Traffic Management Reports

9. Adjournment. Alderman Earley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hallett. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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