

LICENSE AND FEES COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
City of Superior, Wisconsin
May 13, 2013

The License and Fees Committee was called to order by City Clerk Kalan at 1:00 p.m. in the Government Center Conference Room 204.

Members Present: Bob Finsland, Tom Fennessey, Denise McDonald

Staff present: City Clerk Kalan, Assistant Public Works Director Janigo, Building Inspector Curran, Assistant Building Inspector Kruit, Human Officer Wagner

Others present: Shelly Nelson

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION by Councilor Fennessey, seconded by McDonald and carried, to appoint Councilor McDonald as Chair and Councilor Fennessey as Vice Chair.

1. Assistant Public Works Director Janigo requesting updates to Chapters 66, Article II (Salvage Dealers) and 112, Article IV – Abandoned and Junked Vehicles; Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicles of the City Code.

Janigo explained the cleaning up the current ordinance language will better allow the rules to be applied consistently. He requested the matter be held in committee until the review of Chapter 34 is completed.

MOTION by Councilor Finsland, seconded by Fennessey and carried, to hold Chapters 66, Article II (Salvage Dealers) and 112, Article IV – Abandoned and Junked Vehicles; Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicles in committee.

2. Councilor Browne requesting to amend the City Code to include licensing cats.

Kalan surveyed other municipalities in Wisconsin and provided their comments to the committee. Most that license or have licensed previously found the process financially unfeasible.

Browne believed licensing cats could generate revenue for the animal shelter and help educate the public about the importance of animals being spayed/neutered.

Wagner believed the best option regarding licensing would be to consider increasing the license fee for dogs, especially dogs that are not fixed. One of the most productive methods of reuniting an animal with their owner is micro-chipping.

Fennessey stated several constituents he spoke with were unaware the city had a dog license requirement and he believed the key is educating the public on the licensing requirement along with spay/neuter clinics offered.

MOTION by Councilor Fennessey, seconded by Finsland and carried, to deny Councilor Browne's request to implement a cat license due to the financial feasibility and encourage the City to look at educational options to encourage compliance with dog licensing.

MOTION by Councilor Fennessey, seconded by Finsland and carried, meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Kalan, City Clerk
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