

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

November 24, 2014

MEMEBERS

Chairman Jones
Alderman Vota
Alderman Budd
Mayor Brotherton

ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

George Calvert
Alderman Walters
Alderman Heberling
Cindy Dey

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

Stockpiling of Dirt

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Ordinance pertaining to stockpiling of dirt within the City Limits as prepared by the City Attorney. The Committee is requesting an amendment to the Ordinance or an addition of language that there would be no grandfathering of stockpiling of dirt. They felt that this was needed so that the City didn't have to fight anyone later that may have a stock pile of dirt and not see that they could have been grandfathered in by a possible implementation date.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Draft Ordinance as prepared by the City Attorney pertaining to stockpiling of dirt within the City Limits with an amendment addition of language that there would be no grandfathering of stockpiling of dirt. Motion carried 3-0.

Noise Control and Sound Amplification Systems Ordinance

The Committee tabled the Noise Control and Sound Amplification Systems Ordinance.

Parking of Semi-Tractor Trailers in Downtown Historical District

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Ordinance pertaining to parking of Semi-Tractor Trailers in the Downtown Historical District as prepared by the City Attorney.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Draft Ordinance as prepared by the City attorney pertaining to parking of Semi-Tractor Trailers in the Downtown Historical District. Motion carried 3-0.

Review of Liquor License Classifications

Mayor Brotherton advised the Committee that he was concerned about the number of liquor license applicants who have been applying for a Class C-1 Liquor License. He explained that the C-1 Liquor License was issued to those entities claiming to be restaurants that also served liquor and had the video gaming terminals. In reality many of these are not preparing and selling food on site. Their main goal is to obtain revenue from the gaming machines while doing the minimum required in alcohol and food sales. The City's current ordinance has no benchmarks regarding the percent of food and alcohol that need to be sold to qualify as a restaurant.

The Mayor presented the Committee with a copy of Springfield's amended ordinance regarding gaming which requires that at least 60% of the gross annual revenues coming from a liquor license holder's place of business which has video gaming terminals on site must come from the sales of food and beverage.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance similar to Springfield's for the Committee's review. Motion carried 3-0.

Any Other Matters

Mayor Brotherton requested the Committee to begin the process of extending the Enterprise Zone to include the new Taylorville Industrial Park located on Route 104 and 29.

HBO Updates

HBO Officer George Calvert updated the Committee of property violations and cleanups.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Bruce Jones, Chairman
Ordinance Committee