

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 2021

MEMBERS

Alderman Bryant
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Budd

ABSENT

Chairman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Wilson
Alderman Brown
Alderman Olive
Alderman Driskell

Clerk Lilly
Treasurer Hamell
Superintendent Mann
HBO Goodall
Chief Wheeler
Asst Chief Childers

Alderman Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M.

DISCUSSION OF CANNABIS DISPENSARY

Information has been requested from several cities including Charleston, Litchfield, and Collinsville, who have been through the process and now have cannabis dispensaries in their communities. Alderman Bryant stressed the importance of the City being prepared for moving forward with this; specifications must be developed and an Ordinance must be prepared. The Mayor will call IML and inquire about a speaker to attend the November 18, 2021 meeting.

DEMOLITION DERBY CARS

Calls have been received from citizens concerned about the number of demolition cars on people's yards as the interest in this grows. The Mayor feels as if the City should do nothing about this as these cars are there temporarily, and the City should not take any kind of action. The City Code does not allow unlicensed vehicles to be present on property for an extended period of time and this could be a violation, subject to an Ordinance Violation fine. No action was taken on this item.

HBO UPDATES

HBO Goodall provided updates on Animal Control and various building projects. There is an issue with Scooters Coffee. The original Site Plan presented to and approved by the City Engineer showed the grease trap outside of the building. The building/plumbing plans show it inside, where it was built. City Code requires the grease trap to be outside of the building. Scooters Coffee will now be seeking a variance to allow for this. Should it not be granted, the estimated cost of moving the grease trap to the exterior of the building is \$35,000.00 to the builder. It was noted that this establishment will not be doing any cooking; all food items will be warmed in ovens. Alderman Olive stressed that the City Code has a provision in place, and it should be adhered to. The Board of Appeals will decide the outcome of this issue. The Hathaway Homes building permit is expired and they will be purchasing their third permit.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Megan Bryant, Acting Chairman
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