

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

March 16, 2023

MEMBERS

Chairman Skultety
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Wilson
Alderman Brown
Alderman Driskell

Treasurer Miles
Clerk Lilly
Superintendent Mann
Superintendent Tennant
See attached list

Chairman Skultety called the meeting to order at 6:54 P.M.

CONVENIENCE STORE WITH GAMING – 303 WEST SPRINGFIELD ROAD

An application was received by the Mayor for a Convenience Store with Gaming to be potentially opened at 303 West Springfield Road. Currently the City Code has a limitation for this classification (Class N) of only one license, as it was a special class for a Convenience Store without gas, and it is currently being held by Amity Mart. There was no support from the Aldermen to move forward with gaming at this location due to the proximity to schools and churches and the overall number of gaming establishments in the City.

LIVESTOCK ORDINANCE

Per City Code, there are no farm animals or livestock allowed within City corporate limits. Corry Jankowski, homeowner and resident of Ward II, was present to discuss with the Committee the possibility of allowing chickens within City limits, specifically on her property located on North Webster Street. She stated that many much larger communities allow backyard chickens such as Springfield, Decatur, Champaign, Jacksonville, St. Louis and all of Cook County where she is originally from. She is advocating for residents to be allowed to own between 4-6 chickens, depending on lot size, with restrictions to include a fenced area or coop and no free range. Ben Friesland addressed the Committee stating that the City may see an increase in tax revenue as bedding and feed are taxed at 9% while grocery store eggs are only taxed at 1%. The Committee and other Council members had concerns such as chickens running wild, no manpower to enforce new standards, and non-compliance. It was suggested that a permit process be implemented to track location of homes with chickens.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to table due to absence of HBO Goodall. The motion carried (4-0).

NO PARKING EAST SIDE OF CLAY STREET

Due to the narrowness of the street, a request has been made for no parking on the East side of Clay Street from West Franklin Street to Third Street.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to place a No Parking sign on the East side of Clay Street from West Franklin to Third Street. The motion carried (4-0).

HBO UPDATES

HBO Goodall's report was presented.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Barry stated that the Part Time Marina Clerk who worked for the Lake Department in 2022 wishes to be hired again. It was stated by Personnel Committee Chairperson Driskell that she must be hired by Staff Quick as she is not a student and this is the correct procedure to follow.

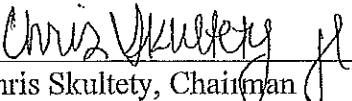
Alderman Dorchinecz stated that the CTI was to install an antenna on a City Water Tower in 2020 per Ordinance 4014 at a rate of \$200.00 per month for year one, with three percent escalation each year. This was

not billed previously but the Clerk's office billed for the entire term up to present this week after speaking with Superintendent Brune. Superintendent Brune later determined that antenna was not installed. City Attorney Romano will review the Ordinance/Agreement to determine the next step.

Mayor Barry stated that the Labor Attorney had been contact and sent correspondence regarding the dress code policy. He also noted that the Union had filed a grievance against Chief Wheeler regarding this issue. The grievance will follow the normal steps.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.


Chris Skultety, Chairman
Ordinance Committee