

Present: Alderpersons Dennis Thurow and John Alt

Absent: John Ellington

Also Present: Attorney Emily Truman, Administrator Edward Geick and Finance Director Cynthia Haggard

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thurow at 12:00PM CDT., noting compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Moved by Alt to approve the minutes of March 5, 2018, seconded by Thurow and unanimously carried.

Motion by Alt to approve agenda, seconded by Thurow and unanimously carried.

Consider recommendation to the Common Council that Section 12.02(13A) (Outdoor Alcohol in B-3 Highway Oriented Business Districts) of the Baraboo Municipal Code be amended.

Truman addressed the Committee about the need to amend the aforementioned Ordinance which came to the City's attention based on a request from Thunderbird Lanes, the bowling alley located on 8th Street. They propose taking the horseshoe pit, which is in front of their establishment, and relocating it in the back of their property. They may also add additional recreational type activity areas in the back of the building. They would like to be able to serve beer in the back area.

Truman added that the way the code reads now, the only way a business can do what Thunderbird proposes is from a patio or something that is physically attached to the building. Truman continued to offer that this particular business is the only business this would affect. Truman recommends the City amend the code in lieu of making an exception. She emphasized that if an establishment is already licensed to serve, they can still serve beer, and it doesn't have to be attached to the building as long as they meet the other requirements, such as:

1. Required to have a fence – the backyard area would need to be fenced;
2. The hours of service – they will still be held to certain hours;
3. Can't serve anyone under the lawful age; and,
4. Someone with a beer cannot walk off the property, etc.

Alt questioned if this would impact the City of Baraboo Eastside Corridor Study. Mayor Palm commented that this amendment would help business owners. Mayor Palm continued, that we want to help businesses as much as we can. Alt mentioned that if we need to readjust the amount of frontage that was going to be used for reconstruction we can always go back and say we worked with you on this issue.

Geick added that the relocation of the pit to the back of the building will be less of a distraction to the public and Mayor Palm added that it would be less unsightly being in the back.

Motion to recommend amendment of Ordinance 12.02(13A) by Thurow, seconded by Alt and unanimously carried.

Consider recommendation to the Common Council that the City adopt an ordinance prohibiting urinating/defecating in public.

Truman introduced the need for this Ordinance based on a phone call she received from one of the City's police officers who had a report that someone was urinating in public. The officer wanted to know what kind of ordinance violation should be issued. Truman mentioned that typically these types of violations fell under the City's littering ordinance. She added that this situation does not fit well within the existing litter ordinance. Most municipalities have a specific ordinance prohibiting urinating and defecating in public. Truman continued, that if someone was issued a citation for violating the proposed ordinance, the fine would be the standard forfeiture amount of \$60 and court costs for a total of \$213.10. The intent of this new ordinance is to discourage the public from urinating and defecating in public.

Motion to recommend amendment of Ordinance 12.02(13A) by Thurow, seconded by Alt and unanimously carried.

Member comments

The next meeting will be May 7, 2018 at 12:00PM CDT. Meeting location will be 101 South Boulevard. Moved by Alt to adjourn, seconded by Thurow and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:12PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Haggard, Finance Director