



**Legislative Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2020**

Legislative Committee:

Tom Rayome, Chair  
Steve Koth  
Thad Kubisiak

The Legislative Committee held a meeting via remote videoconferencing originating from the City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. Alderpersons Rayome, Kubisiak, and Koth (remotely) were present. Also present were Alderpersons Bemke and Kellogg, Sue Schill, Joe Bachman, Jennifer Gossick, Jem Brown, Jeff Kuhn, Kyle Kearns (remotely), Scott Young (remotely) and Ron Janikowski (remotely). The public was provided with a number to listen to the meeting; the meeting was also streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page. If a member of the public wished to submit comments to the Committee regarding an agenda item, they were advised to contact Alderperson Rayome prior to the meeting.

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rayome at 4:32 p.m. All members were present.

2. Review and consider for adoption an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the Municipal Code to authorize the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk as designated officials to issue beverage operator licenses, as has been recently allowed by a change in state law.

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Rayome, to approve the adoption of the ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the Municipal Code to authorize the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk as designated officials to issue beverage operator licenses. Motion carried, 3-0. (See attached Ordinance)

3. Review and consider for adoption an ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code to eliminate the Reserve Class B Retail Alcohol license grant program because of changes in state law which now prohibit such grants.

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Koth, to approve for adoption the ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code to eliminate the Reserve Class B Retail Alcohol license grant program. Motion carried, 3-0. (See attached Ordinance).

4. Review and consider for adoption an ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code to reflect current state administrative code and state statutes (SPS- Chapter 316 and Sect. 101.80, Wis. Stats.), necessary because the City is requesting designation as an electrical inspection agency.

Motion by Koth, second by Rayome, to approve the adoption of the ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code to reflect current state administrative code and state statutes (SPS- Chapter 316 and Sect. 101.80, Wis. Stats.). Motion carried, 3-0. (See attached Ordinance)

5. Consider a referral from Alderperson Rayome for a review of all committees, commissions, and boards.

Specific consideration of:

- a. Park and Recreation Commission responsibilities (as requested by Park and Recreation Commission)

Motion by Koth, second by Kubisiak, to hold this item for further information regarding what other municipalities do and further clarification on the responsibilities and authority of the Commission as currently written. Motion carried, 3-0.

- b. Consider elimination of the following Committees who have not met in years (as requested to be reviewed by Mayor Blaser):  
ADA Advisory, Redevelopment Authority, Haz-Mat, Industrial Development Commission.

Motion by Koth, second by Kubisiak to eliminate the ADA Advisory Committee, the Haz-mat Committee, and the Industrial Development Commission, and reassign those duties to other committees or commissions if necessary, and to eliminate the Redevelopment Authority if it is not mandated or required by state law. Motion carried, 3-0. (See attached Ordinance)

The review of Commissions, committees, and boards will continue to be a referral item for future meetings, per the request of Chairperson Rayome.

6. Review and consider for approval an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code to remove the Mayor's Youth Council as a sub-unit of the Council; the Council will continue as an informal group.

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Koth, to approve the ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code to remove the Mayor's Youth Council as a sub-unit of the Council. Motion carried, 3-0. (See attached Ordinance)

7. Review and consider for approval an amendment to Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code which would eliminate term limits for Water Works and Lighting Commissioners.

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Rayome, to approve the amendment to Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code which would eliminate term limits for Water Works and Lighting Commissioners. Motion carried, 3-0. (See attached Ordinance)

8. Preliminary discussion regarding placing delinquent Water Works and Lighting Commission electric bills on the property tax roll.

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Koth, to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance to allow for electric billings to be added to the property tax roll to be placed on the Finance and Property Committee meeting agenda for

October 6; if it is not able to be placed on the Finance agenda, then the ordinance will be presented at the Council meeting on October 20. Motion carried, 3-0.

9. Adjourn.

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Koth, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Sue Schill, Acting Recording Secretary