

Police and Fire Committee Meeting  
Minutes

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

7:00pm (or directly following the Park and Rec Committee Meeting)

Present: Kali Godfrey, Tami Christensen, Janet Sergent

Absent: None

Visitors:

Mayor Norby, Clerk/Treasurer Redfield, PWD Hintz, Chief Kraft, and Don and Val Franz. Via Phone: City Attorney Kalil

Fire Works City Code:

Alderwoman Sergent stated he Police and Fire Committee have the results, as provided by Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, form the petition on changing the fireworks code. Chief Kraft stated he agrees with the proposed changes and that it will help the Police Department with enforcement. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated one thing that has been brought up since the petition is the New Year's holiday. She stated most people who light off fireworks on New Year's do it at midnight, so that time should be extended. Chief Kraft stated he felt 12:30am was late enough for that purpose of fireworks. **Motion was made to recommend moving forward with updating the City Code to allow the discharging of fireworks from December 29<sup>th</sup> to 12:30am on January 1<sup>st</sup> by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderwoman Godfrey seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.**

Alderwoman Christensen stated they should definitely take into account the results of the petition, since it was skewed so drastically towards shorting the time to July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Franz stated she would like to see the discharging of fireworks be the shortest amount of time possible, as this year they were being discharged for over a month. Mr. Franz stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a good holiday to celebrate, but some people are taking advantage and even though it is hard to enforce, they should be fined if they do not follow the City Code. Alderwoman Christensen stated the hardest part of fining them is actually catching them. Mr. Franz stated he has no issue with them selling longer than the 5 days, but City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she felt they should align with each other to ease confusion, as she feels most people will assume since you can purchase them you can light them off. Mayor Norby stated he felt if the City was going to limit the number of days you can light them off, they should be able to light them off until mid-night each night, which will also help with confusion and the time would be the same. Chief Kraft stated having the discharging be until midnight all 5 nights will make enforcement easier. Mr. and Mrs. Franz agreed that this would be better, as did Alderwoman Christensen. **Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to recommend the City Council move forward with updating of City Code to only allow the discharging of fireworks from July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>, but to extend the time from 10:00pm to midnight.**

Solicitors License City Code:

City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented the Police and Fire Committee with the updates to the Solicitors License Code, as drafted by Chief Kraft, Fire Marshall/Building Inspector Rasmussen and herself (attached proposed changes are in red). City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the only thing they have not finalized is the bond/liability insurance section, which they want to involve MMIA on to make sure the City is covered to the best of their ability. **Alderman Christensen made a motion to recommend the City Council move forward with the updating the Solicitors License City Code per the recommendations of Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Chief Kraft and Fire Marshall/Building Inspector Rasmussen. Alderman Godfrey seconded and with no further discussion, all present voted aye.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

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Jessica Chamberlin, City Clerk

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Janet Sergent, Committee Chair