

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
July 11, 2011
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2011-48

Present: Commissioners Warmington, Gawron, Carter, Spataro, Shepherd, and Wisneski.

Absent: Commissioner Wierengo.

Civil Infraction Fees.

Many zoning ordinance violations have occurred. Commissioner Spataro asked what avenues can be taken to enforce the ordinance?

Currently the City issues civil infractions. The City Attorney will review the law to see if the fees for civil infractions can be raised.

Public Safety Direction Discussion.

The City Commission discussed the position of the Public Safety Director with the resignation of the current Public Safety Director, Tony Kleibecker.

It was decided that the City Manager should try to recruit candidates with experience in Policing, Fire, and Inspections. It is understood these qualifications will limit the pool of candidates and may take several months to hire a new director. In the meantime, interim candidates from within the department(s) will be chosen to cover the position.

Proposed Encroachment Ordinance.

A proposed Encroachment Ordinance was presented to the City Commission for their consideration. The proposed ordinance would allow staff to approve encroachments. Currently the City Commission approves all encroachments. Any encroachments that may be denied by staff can be appealed to the City Commission.

Under the proposed ordinance, all current encroachments will expire on August 31, 2011 and will need to be renewed on an annual basis. This will ensure that all information is kept current and a current certificate of insurance is on file. New proposed fees are \$25 if an annual inspection is not required and a \$50 fee if an annual inspection is required.

Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk**