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Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, December 19, 2017

9:00 AM

Room 303, Third Floor, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:07 A.M.

*Members present: Joanna Barndt, Bradley Kalscheur, Robert Shelledy and Pat Hintz
(via telephone)*

Members excused: Annie Wacker

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Kalscheur moved, seconded by Ms. Barndt, to amend the minutes. The minutes under item #3 need to be amended to read that the board heard two matters in closed session. One matter dealt with a temporary employee and the other with an employee running for political office. An opinion will be issued and staff will be doing additional research.

Mr. Kalscheur moved, seconded by Ms. Barndt, for approval of the minutes as amended.

2. Communication from City Attorney's Office on holding meetings via telephone.

Assistant City Attorney Peter Block said the attorney general said this is legal, but there is also a city attorney's opinion that bylaws should be amended to allow the board to vote. The bylaws amendment was approved by the board on November 18, 2014.

3. The Board may convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats.

Mr. Kalscheur moved, seconded by Ms. Barndt, to go into closed session. There were no objections.

4. The Board may then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats.

The Board heard one matter in closed session and Attorney Block will draft a response letter.

5. Report from staff assistant relating to office activities of the previous month.

Mr. Steve Miner present to speak on the "Y" footnotes in the Assessor's Office. Mr. Miner said the only employees filling out the statements were the supervisory employees, although the code says all individuals involved in the valuation process should file statements. Currently the appraisers do not file statements. Mr. Shelledy is surprised that assessors weren't filing statements. The Board tends to choose over-coverage in terms of having people file, rather than less. Mr. Miner is not averse to having appraisers complete the statement. The Board recommends adding those folks to the Y footnote.

The Board approved adding the Fire and Police Commission position as requested by the department.

Mr. Klajbor came before the Board and discussed what each of the temporary and part-time positions do. The department is looking for a solution for an employee facing domestic violence. The Board supported giving the specific employee an exemption as long as she's employed and her situation doesn't change. Atty. Block will draft a letter for the Board to review. The positions will retain the Y footnotes.

6. Communication from Staff Assistant on changing bylaws in relation to the Ethics Board quorum requirement.

The Board agreed with amending its Bylaws language to make a quorum be a majority of members serving and to amend the ordinances to reflect this as well. This proposed language will be on the January agenda.

7. Review newly filed Statement of Economic Interest Forms for clarity and completeness.

The Board reviewed and approved the submitted Statements. A concern of Ms. Barndt's on the form of Kristin Schieble was addressed by the Board.

8. Set next meeting date(s).

January 16th at 9 a.m.

*Meeting adjourned: 10:29 A.M.
Linda M. Elmer
Staff Assistant*