

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Mayer at 9:00 A.M., at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2.

Present: Chris Mayer, Gene Ciszek, Sig Hjemvick, Steve Favorite, Eljean Benson, Scott Jensen, Martha Milanowski and Kris Duening. Excused absence: Jim Behling

Motion by Sig Hjemvick, seconded by Gene Ciszek to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by Steve Favorite, seconded by Gene Ciszek to approve the previous minutes. All voting aye. Carried.

Veteran= s Service Office Matters and Veteran Service Office Request to go Paperless – Scott Jensen presented the May Expenditure Guideline prepared and the June budget prepared by him. Mr. Jensen reported that the Information Technology Office has provided his office with a copier/scanner/printer. The Veteran Service office only needs \$700 for software to go paperless and a yearly fee of \$400. The intern for Veteran Service started today and will work approximately 15 – 20 hours per week. A confidentiality agreement has been signed. Motion by Gene Ciszek, seconded by Steve Favorite to approve the bills. All voting aye. Carried.

Child Support Matters –The Committee then reviewed the May Expenditure Guideline. Ms. Benson reported that the PC is here and should be working by the end of the week. Training will be set up after that. A representative from Department of Child and Family Services was here and did a self assessment on 11 cases. The Child Support Office passed the self assessment test. It was recommended that all files be cleared from desks at the end of the day. There was a conflict of interest with one of the child support cases with the Corporation Counsel Office. This case will be handled by Norda Gromall. Motion by Sig Hjemvick, seconded by Gene Ciszek approve the bills. All voting aye. Carried.

Child Support Job Description – The Personnel Committee approved the job description. A resolution will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

Corporation Counsel Report – Ms. Milanowski presented the May Expenditure Guideline. In June, there were 37 written requests and 19 new cases (14 Adult & 1 juvenile Chapter 51 cases and 4 adult guardianship cases). The Corporation Counsel’s Office has been working on recycling compliance issues, highway encroachment issues, the Arbor Vitae shop matters, application of pesticides with the Land and Water Conservation Committee, septic system pumping compliance, personnel matters, health insurance issues and ADRC planning. Motion by Steve Favorite, seconded by Sig Hjemvick to approve the bills. All voting aye. Carried.

Proposed Code of Conduct for Elected Officials – Ms. Milanowski presented the Committee with some information that she found from other counties and a city. The Committee discussed censuring and the role of the Executive and Ethics Committee. This will be looked at again at the next meeting.

Ordinance – Chapter 9 Public Peace and Order – 9.28 Howling or Barking Dogs. (1) No person shall keep or harbor a dog that howls or barks in violation of this section. Such dogs are hereby declared to be a public nuisance. ~~The provisions of this section shall not apply to licensed animal hospitals for the treatment of small animals or to licensed animal kennels and/or premises used for impounding animals.~~

(2) It shall constitute a violation of this section if the howling or barking occurs continually and is audible beyond the property line of the premises on which the dog is located:

(a) For more than ~~5~~ 15 minutes between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.; or

(b) For more than ~~15~~ 30 minutes between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; or

(c) For a shorter duration than cited above, but on more than five occasions within a given 10-day period if attested to ~~be~~ by complainants from two or more separate properties.

(3) It shall be a defense to any violation of this subsection if the owner of the dog proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the only reason the dog was howling or barking was that the dog was being provoked by a person or was otherwise being incited, or was acting as a guide dog, hearing dog, service dog or police work dog.

(4) In order to abate the nuisance created by a dog howling or barking in violation of this section, animal control officers may enter the yard and may seize any such dog from the yard where the violation is occurring if the officer is unable to contact the owner or if the owner is unable or unwilling to take action to stop the howling or barking.

(5) No person shall be found to be in violation of this section unless first notified in writing by either an animal control officer or law enforcement officer, at least five (5) days prior to the issuance of any citation or summons, of the fact of the complaints of noise.

(6) *Penalties.*

(a) First offense - \$25.00 forfeiture

(b) Second offense - \$50.00 forfeiture

(c) Each offense thereafter will be an additional \$50.00 ~~not to exceed \$300.00 within a 12-month period.~~

(d) Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a forfeiture as stated in (a) – (c) of this subsection, and shall in addition be subject to a forfeiture for court costs and the costs of prosecution, and in default of these, such person shall be confined in the Vilas County Jail for not more than 90 days.

(7) Exceptions. None of the provisions of this section shall apply to:

(a) licensed animal hospitals for the treatment of small animals;

(b) commercial kennels, or premises used for impounding animals. Commercial kennel shall mean an establishment, structure or premises where dogs are raised and sold, bred, boarded, or groomed for other than private purposes.

(c) blind or disabled persons when the dog serves as an aid, guide or leader.

(d) the use of any dog which is lawfully engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting while accompanied by a licensed hunter. However, such dogs at all other times and in all other respects, shall be subject to this section, unless actually in the field and engaged in hunting or in legitimate training for such purpose.

Motion by Sig Hjemvick, seconded by Gene Ciszek to approve the changing the length of time a dog can bark and removing the not to exceed dollar amount under Penalties and add the language for the exceptions. All voting aye. Carried.

Red Flags Rule Policy – Motion by Gene Ciszek, seconded by Steve Favorite to have the Corporation Counsel draft a resolution for the next meeting. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution – Support Efforts to Create a Reciprocal Snowmobile and ORV Trail Sticker Program – A sample resolution was presented from the Marinette County Board recently passed. Discussion. The Committee recommended referring this to the Forestry Department and to have Dale Mayo send this to each of the snowmobile clubs in Vilas County to see what their opinion is of this resolution.

Legislative Updates – Nothing at this time.

Letters and Communications – Nothing at this time.

Out of County Travel – Nothing at this time.

Approval of bills – Done throughout the meeting.

Next meeting was scheduled for August 9, 2010.

Motion by Gene Ciszek, seconded by Steve Favorite to adjourn at 10:39 a.m. All voting aye. Carried.

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by: Kris Duening