

January 7, 2025

SERVICES COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m.

Chairperson Loren Mueller called the meeting to order with the following members: David Earney and Gary Jepsen.

Also present: Mayor Richard Champeny, Foreman Joe Wick, Deputy Clerk Sharaya Reed, Fire Chief Tom Brakke, and Ordinance Officer Ken Passow. Citizens present: Jon Wisneski, Sherri Collins, and Bruce Gilfaland.

Agenda Item 6. Cemetery concerns

Mueller shared with the committee that cleanup needs to be addressed again. Food is being left at gravesites. Rules and regulations need to be in place. Signage needs to be posted. Sherri Collins submitted a list from the Friends of Alma Public Cemeteries group defining what can/can't be done. Collins gave an update on the group. The group is looking for directions from the city of what they can help with.

Agenda Item 5. Animal concerns

Champeny submitted a document from the City of La Crosse about their ordinance dealing with animals within the city. Discussion over limits regarding pigeons. Committee to review the submission for their input. Earney thought to have a resolution to the matter on how to get rid of them. Letters and pictures regarding property to go out to owners to fix the issues.

Jepsen to review the language of feeding of wild animals and put something together for the committee to review the next meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Property maintenance concerns

Pictures of property issues were passed around. Jon Wisneski addressed the committee with working on cleaning up the alley down below the retaining wall by Collins house. The utilities committee should discuss property maintenance/cleanup of alleys. Is it feasible to hire work to be done?

Agenda Item 1. Police concerns

Check on status of money to get contract started by the County. Was the invoice received from the County to pay for 2024?

Agenda Item 2. Fire Department concerns

Tom Brakke gave an update on the new fire truck. He discussed the ISO rating trying to get it down to seven from nine.

Agenda Item 3. Discuss Solid Waste concerns

Garbage bags increase by .25.

Agenda Item 7. Snow removal @ Dairyland property

No update.

Agenda Item 8. Any other concerns

Wisneski asked that the cemetery group be notified when they are on the agenda. Either Mueller can let them know or Linda can add them to the email chain.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to adjourn. All members voting yes.