

PUBLIC UTILITIES & LICENSING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2013 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hennessey at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Alderpersons Hennessey, Able, Howe, Soeldner and Sladky.

Also Present: Interim Director of Public Infrastructure Greg Minikel, Lisa Kuehn, Clerk II, Transit/Building & Grounds Team Leader Jim Muenzenmeyer, and Kim Philippi, Director and Keith Philippi, Chairperson from the Lakeshore Humane Society.

Public Input: None.

Moved by Soeldner, second by Able, to approve the minutes of January 16, 2013. Ayes, 5. Nays, none.

The first order of business was the request of Tiffany Grosshuesch to reconsider denial of her operator's license. Assistant Attorney Kathleen McDaniel read report of offenses. Tiffany spoke about her offenses, asked for a second chance and answered questions. The manager of Tony's Pizza appeared on her behalf.

After a short discussion, it was moved by Alderperson Sladky, seconded by Alderperson Able, and unanimously carried to reverse the previous denial and approve an one year operator's license of Tiffany Grosshuesch . Ayes, 5. Nays, none.

Interim Director of Public Infrastructure Greg presented a drawing and a cost estimate of \$5,500 for installing three ornamental street lights on Flambeau Street. Funding for the lights will be made at Mr. Minikel's discretion. J. Hennessey will contact Ron Crabb, 2208 Flambeau Street with the Committees decision.

Moved by Able, second by Soeldner, and unanimously carried to install street lights on Flambeau Street. Ayes, 5. Nays, none.

Transit/Building & Grounds Team Leader Jim Muenzenmeyer reported on the MMT Route 4 bus stop located near 1424 S. 10th Street. It would cost \$3,400 to change the bus route and adversely affect other patrons on the route. Mr. Muenzenmeyer would recommend working with the Law Enforcement and the Lincoln High School Police Liaison Officer to educate the students that they are trespassing on private property. Alderman C. Able likes the solution to talk to the students and at this time it is not considered a MMT route problem. Mr. Muenzenmeyer will contact the concerned citizen. No action was taken on this matter.

An informational discussion took place on the Trap-Neuter-Return program presented by the Lakeshore Human Society as a way to control the feral cat population. Alderman D. Soeldner asked what involvement the City would have if the ordinance was changed. Lakeshore Humane Society representatives explained that the ordinance change would allow the return of the vet examined, neutered, ear tipped, registered animal at large back to the registered colony that is participating in the Trap-Neuter-Return program. The current ordinance does not allow the animal at large to be returned. Alderman J. Slady reported that PETA and Bird City USA are not in favor of the Trap-Neuter-Return program and these organizations recommend sanctuaries or euthanasia as a control solution. Alderman D.

Soeldner asked if the City should be concerned if citizens could start colonies if the ordinance was changed. Alderman M. Howe asked how many known colonies are in the City and which areas are of concern. Alderwoman J. Hennessey will schedule a follow-up meeting to continue discussion.

Motion by Alderperson Sladky, second by Alderperson Able, and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hennessey, Chair
by Lisa Kuehn, Clerk II