



## Judiciary Committee Meeting Minutes

### Call to order

The Judiciary Committee for the City of Blue Island was held on September 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm

### Attendees

Present: Ald. Hawley, Ald. Poulos, Ald. Slattery

Absent: Ald. Vieyra and Ald. Frausto

### Also Present

Attorney Raines, City Clerk Heuser, Treasurer Bilotto, Ald. Rita, and Resident Alan Stevo

### Public Comment

Alan Stevo, 2324 Union St. asked why he was not on the agenda for the meeting.

### Old Business

Residential Permit Parking. Nothing new. There's been no decision made either way on that topic. It will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Title V: Public Works. There have been a number of drafts that have gone around. The copy we have that is 38 pages is the parts that needed to be revised. It appears that everything that had been discussed in previous meetings have been incorporated into this version. There was a change regarding the application of the Senior Water Rates. The Senior rates (65 years old) sewer and sanitation charges should be applied to only single family homes that is their primary resident. There would be an application that would need to be filed annually with proof of birthdate and residency.

Reviewed Chapter 51 for streets and sidewalks. Discussion about suggested changes. Discussion about Director of Public Health and Safety should file with the ICC regarding the poor condition of grade crossings in town. Discussion on snow removal on sidewalks. Decided it should be done within a reasonable amount of time but no more than 3 days after it has fallen or accumulated. A notice will be given to comply.

Reviewed Chapter 52 on water and sewers. There's work that needs to be done on this, but we need to make changes on the plumbing code for approval first. There were a few changes discussed regarding Administration. The other changes were combining the water and sewer parts together. This will be revisited at a future meeting and Director Houlf will be reviewing it as well to make sure that we are in line with State requirements.

### New Business

Handicap Ordinance at 1804 High St. It was moved by Ald. Slattery and seconded by Ald. Hawley to approve. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion about the Clerk's Office handling these requests and then the Ordinance would be drawn up and taken directly to City Council for approval. If a resident doesn't have a driveway or garage, it would be handled Administratively, if they do have a driveway or garage and want an exception, then it would come to Judiciary Committee. Attorney Raines will look into State Regulations regarding handicapped parking with the existence of driveways or garages. Clerk Heuser will put together a suggested process for application and renewal.

There was an additional application for 2853 Everett. It came in too late to be on the agenda. There was consensus on the Committee to send it directly to City Council for approval.

Residential Use Table was reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Ald. Slattery and seconded by Ald. Poulos to approve the revised Use Table and send it to City Council for adoption. All in favor, motion passed.

Nothing was received by Attorney Raines regarding an ordinance regulating parking and establishing a loading zone. Discussion of what constitutes a loading zone ensued. Enforcement of existing restrictions needs to be addressed. Ald Rita is going to check on specifics for this request and there was consensus of the Committee that it go directly to City Council for approval.

There was no information regarding regulating the direction of vehicular traffic. The issue was sent to Municipal Services Committee. The ordinance would then come back to Judiciary before going to City Council. No action was taken.

The Mayor and City Attorney would like to adopt the codification as it stands after the revisions we are currently working on are finalized. This will make it easier to find and revise things going forward. That ordinance will be prepared for the next meeting and is being tabled tonight.

#### **Alderman Concerns**

Ald. Rita asked about the Beekeeping Ordinance. There is an ordinance prohibiting it. We are looking at rescinding it with restrictions and will be reviewed at the appropriate Title.

There being no other business, it was moved by Ald. Slattery and seconded by Ald. Hawley to adjourn. All were in favor, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ald. Jairo Frausto, Chair