

**ZONING, PLANNING & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2009 – 7:20 P.M.**

Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Committee members present: Aldermen Leyden, Szczap, Logan and Hay. Also present were Mayor Nolan, City Clerk Wells, Administrator Nelson, Alderman Marzahl, Alderman Perkins and Carl Opper.

Working in the Right-of-Way

Alderman Perkins brought up discussion of working in the right-of-way noting the business at the corner of Park/Ayer Street which uses the road as a workshop for vehicle work. Administrator Nelson indicated that the code book is not specifically clear when it comes to this type of service work. Chief Kazy-Garey stated that the Police Dept. occasionally receives complaints from neighbors of residents who work on their vehicle in the street. After discussion, Clerk Wells was directed to research regulations in area communities and work on a draft ordinance prior to the next meeting that would ban businesses from conducting their business on City property and ban non-emergency residential service related work on City property.

Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 21.12, Tobacco Sales

The Committee reviewed the proposed ordinance amending Section 21.12, Tobacco Sales, which would prohibit the sale of drug paraphernalia as a condition to a Tobacco Sales License. After discussion, moved by Logan, seconded by Szczap to recommend to the City Council enactment of the proposed ordinance as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance to Adopt a Real Estate Tax Abatement for the Residence of a Surviving Spouse of a Fallen Police Officer, Fireman, Emergency or Rescue Worker

The Committee reviewed an ordinance approved by the McHenry County Board which adopts a real estate tax abatement for the residence of a surviving spouse of a fallen police officer, fireman, emergency or rescue worker. Moved Logan, seconded by Leyden to recommend to the City Council enactment of an ordinance similar to the ordinance adopted by the McHenry County Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 8:10 p.m., moved by Logan, seconded by Szczap to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried four to zero.

Submitted by:
Chairman Tom Hay