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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 4:00pm

MINUTES

1. Mike called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Carrie Arens, Mike Michaud, Steve Westman, Pat Sandstrom, Goran Pesic, and Drew Adams *clerk*. Also present: Dan Fedie, Pat Ament, Katherine Krieser, Anthony Sander, Josh Sterry, and Toni Sterry.
3. **Approve Meeting Minutes** - **Motion** by Carrie to accept meeting minutes from January 31, 2022, **second** by Steve. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Ordinance Recodification Update**- Everything was submitted to American Legal on February 2nd. It is now entering into final review and could take up to 3 months until we hear anything back.
5. **Committee Review of Latest Version of Draft Short Term Rental License Ordinance**
 - a. **Public input on latest version of ordinance**-
 - Danni Noel had submitted an email to Mike expressing concern over the number of people operating short term rentals without a state license, as well as the growing number of vacation rentals in the Village taking long-term housing away from families. Carrie mentioned WI Act 59 prohibiting municipalities from capping the number of short-term rentals.
 - Josh Sterry mentioned that people do have a right to buy property and do what they wish with it, and that a big part of why vacation rentals are booming is that we are a river town with nice restaurants and a winery.
 - Anthony Sander and Katherine Krieser wondered if the Village has any plan on a grace period for property managers to get their license once the ordinance is enacted. There will be some sort of grace period, and the people operating their vacation rentals with state licensing in place by the time the ordinance are in place will not have to go through the Planning Commission hearing process. The initial filing fee will also be reduced from \$500.00 to \$300.00 for those that have the state license in place.
 - Some concern was expressed from vacation rental operators over possibly needing a host representative to be available on site within 30 minutes if something goes wrong.
 - Referring to 114.03, Anthony Sander pointed out that vacation rentals listed on market providers such as AirBNB and VRBO do not need a room tax permit or a seller's permit. He has communicated with the Dept. of Revenue and will share his emails on the topic.
 - Josh Sterry feels that there is a lot of redundancy in the paperwork requirements, as some of the same things are covered on a state level.
 - b. **Discussion/Action regarding ordinance next steps**- Mike will do his best with the feedback received to come up with the next draft.

6. **Set Next Meeting Date** - Next meeting date set for Wednesday, February 23, at 4:00PM.
7. **Adjourn- Motion** by Mike to adjourn, **second** by Goran. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Drew Adams, Clerk