

JOINT MEETING
Public Property and Safety Committee
&
Park and Recreation Committee
August 23, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Brey, Chris Able, Scott McMeans, Jill Hennessey, Alex Olson, Dave Soeldner, Jason Sladky, Matt Kadow

MEMBERS ABSENT: Allan Schema

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Muenzenmeyer, Valerie Mellon, Denise Larson, Kevin Glaeser, J.J. Ploederl, Jeremy Crees

Alderman Jim Brey called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Alderman McMeans made a motion to accept the minutes of the joint Public Property and Safety Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, August 15, 2011. Alderwoman Jill Hennessey seconded the motion and as all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion and possible action on moving the Parks and Recreation Department office to City Hall. Alderman Brey reminded the members that the discussion to move the Parks and Recreation office to City Hall was tabled at the last meeting. Alderwoman Hennessey made a motion to remove the discussion from the table; Alderman Kadow seconded the motion. As all were in favor, the motion regarding the relocation of the Parks and Recreation Department to City Hall and completing the renovation of the space by in-house staff within the original budget was back in front of the committees for discussion. The discussions revolved around costs, efficiencies, timing of the move, staff size, the use of volunteers, and the use of on-line registrations. The City Engineer / Director of Parks and Public Works Valerie Mellon told the committees that she felt the office would be best located at the Senior Center. Mayor Nickels told the Committees that he felt the office would be best located at City Hall. After further discussions, the original motion was repeated by Alderman Brey and the vote was taken. The vote to approve the motion was passed 5 – 3 with Aldermen Olson, McMeans and Hennessey voting no.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Jim Muenzenmeyer
Secretary