

Approved Minutes  
Codes & Ordinances Committee Meeting of 03/18/13

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm. Members present McGlothlen, Ehlers, Degenhardt & Rice, with Scheff excused. The committee minutes of 2/18/13 were submitted to the committee for approval. Ehlers made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/18/13, seconded by Rice and approved 3-0-1 abstention. There were no citizen comments.

The committee began with item 5 Review/consider developing a resolution to approve a Village of Eagle Schedule of Fees and related ordinance changes to Chapter 14 Licenses & Permits. Rice introduced an updated fee schedule per the last Village Board meeting, and noted that we had nothing in our ordinances about a soda license and the committee agreed to leave it off for now. Rice also explained that the draft of Chapter 14 from 2/10/13, removing all references to fees and replacing them with a note to “See Village of Eagle Fee Schedule” remained the same. Ehlers made a motion to approve the Village of Eagle Fee schedule as written and send it to the Village Board for approval. The motion was seconded by McGlothlen and approved unanimously. Rice will draft the Resolution to present at the next Village Board meeting. Ehlers made a motion to approve the changes to Chapter 14, removing the fees and placing them on the fee schedule, and adding the verbiage “See Village of Eagle Fee Schedule”, and sending it to the Village Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Degenhardt and approved unanimously.

The committee moved to item 6 Consideration of Soft Drink and/or vending machine license for Chapter 14 Licenses & Permits. The committee noted that they could not find a reference to the soda water fee in our ordinances and decided to leave it as is without any mention of a soda water fee. Rice made a motion to table the addition of a soda water license fee. The motion was seconded by McGlothlen and approved unanimously.

The committee moved to item 7 - Review Fire Department Knox Box ordinance. Rice explained that he brought it to the Fire Commission meeting for discussion and they felt it was important to help prevent serious damage and/or injury to buildings and/or occupants of multi-family rental units of three or more units, commercial, and manufacturing structures. Chief Ehlers is concerned with the ordinance because it puts an unnecessary financial burden on businesses, puts Police Department evidence in jeopardy due to a potential break in the chain of custody of evidence, and the ordinance threatens violators with possible jail time. Ehlers agreed that Knox Boxes are appropriate for entry into the common areas of multi-family rental units, schools, and Municipal Buildings, but explained that they are not fool-proof and have been compromised, which is of great concern to him as Police Chief. Ehlers explained that he is vehemently opposed to the current Village ordinance, and does not feel businesses should be forced to comply, under penalty of arrest. Ehlers presented the committee with a copy of a re-write he developed for Chapter 5 – 5.08 Rapid Entry System, asking for consideration of the change. Rice stated that this topic needs more discussion and that the Fire Chief should be invited to our next meeting to respond to these concerns, and explain the Fire Department’s stand on Knox Boxes.

McGlothlen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ehlers and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rice