

**Administrative & Judiciary Committee
of the City of Onalaska**

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

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1 The meeting of the Administrative & Judiciary Committee of the City of Onalaska was called to
2 order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. It was noted that the meeting had been
3 announced and posted at City Hall.

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5 Roll call was taken with the following members present: Ald. Diane Wulf, Ald. Tom Smith,
6 Ald. Boondi Iyer

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8 Also Present: City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, Mayor Joe Chilsen, City Clerk Cari
9 Burmaster, Financial Services Director/Treasurer Fred Buehler, City Engineer Jarrod Holter,
10 Planning Manager Katie Aspenson, Fire Chief Billy Hayes, Assistant Fire Chief Troy Gudie,
11 Fire Department Lieutenant/EMT Karl Goldbeck, Ald. Dan Stevens

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13 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting(s)**

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15 Motion by Ald. Iyer, second by Ald. T. Smith, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting
16 as printed and on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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18 On voice vote, motion carried.

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20 **Item 3 – Public Input (limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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22 Ald. Wulf called three times for anyone wishing to provide public input and closed that portion
23 of the meeting. Ald. Wulf also noted the Board of Review, of which she and Cari are members,
24 is scheduled to meet at 6:45 p.m. and said tonight’s meeting will need to finish at approximately
25 6:40. Ald. Wulf also stressed she does not want to rush through anything and said if necessary
26 the committee may return to items at its October meeting.

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28 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

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30 **Administrative**

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32 **Item 4 – Approval of Operator’s Licenses as listed on report dated September 4, 2019**

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34 Cari noted she had distributed a new list and said each applicant has gone through a background
35 check with the Police Department and has been approved.

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37 Motion by Ald. T. Smith, second by Ald. Iyer, to approve the Operator’s Licenses as listed on
38 report dated September 4, 2019.

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40 On voice vote, motion carried.

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42 **Item 5 – Approval of Special Events Permits for:**

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- 44 a. Down Syndrome Awareness Walk on September 14, 2019 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. starting at
45 Onalaska Omni Center

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47 Cari said the department heads have signed off on the event and noted everything is in order for
48 approval.

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50 Motion by Ald. Iyer, second by Ald. T. Smith, to approve a Special Events Permit for Down
51 Syndrome Awareness Walk on September 14, 2019 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. starting at Onalaska
52 Omni Center.

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54 On voice vote, motion carried.

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- 56 b. Neighborhood Block Party on September 21, 2019 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on 8th Avenue
57 between Green Bay Street and Wilson Street

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59 Cari said the department heads have signed off on the event.

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61 Motion by Ald. T. Smith, second by Ald. Iyer, to approve a Special Events Permit for
62 Neighborhood Block Party on September 21, 2019 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on 8th Avenue between
63 Green Bay Street and Wilson Street.

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65 Cari noted this is a repeat event.

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67 On voice vote, motion carried.

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69 **Item 6 – Discussion regarding regulations for a new Property Maintenance Ordinance**

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71 Katie told committee members their packets include a copy of a staff report that primarily
72 addresses what was highlighted at the August 7 Administrative and Judiciary Committee
73 meeting. Proposed language, updates, and what the city has historically enforced all are in
74 italics. Katie said the purpose of this is to go through questions and determine if committee
75 members agree or disagree. Katie said it is possible this could be presented in ordinance form to
76 the committee for a First and Second Reading at the October 2 Administrative and Judiciary
77 Committee meeting.

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79 Katie highlighted the following regulations:

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- 81 • **Section 16-1-2(2)(b): Long Grass/Weeds:** Past practice has been to agree to enforce
82 where a parcel of land is located within a subdivision where more than 70 percent of the

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83 parcels are developed.

84 • **Section 16-1-2(2)(c): Natural Landscapes:** Where a natural landscape abuts a property
85 or right-of-way that does not have a natural landscape, the property owner with the
86 natural landscape shall provide an adequate grass lawn buffer or other acceptable buffer
87 between the natural landscape and the adjacent property or right-of-way so as to prevent
88 the natural landscape from being a nuisance or hazard or encroachment.

89 • **Section 16-1-2(2)(g): Brush:** Piles of brush (tree branches, yard waste, etc.) shall not be
90 allowed to accumulate and/or be stored on parcels of residentially zoned land as said
91 brush becomes habitat for vermin and other associated animals and can become a public
92 nuisance.

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94 Ald. Wulf asked Katie what she considers to be piles of brush, and she also asked when the city
95 stops collecting brush for the season.

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97 Jarrod said one of the last pickups typically occurs in October.

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99 Ald. Wulf inquired about citizens who accumulate brush until spring.

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101 Katie said that brush is typically covered by snow, and therefore staff does not know it is there
102 over the winter. Katie said staff typically addresses large brush piles after homeowners have
103 taken down large trees and neighbors contact the city because they have started seeing animals in
104 the brush.

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106 • **Section 16-1-2(4): Composting:** Katie noted the city currently does not regulate
107 composting and said staff is treating composting more along the lines of an accessory
108 structure, with the included setbacks. This section includes proposed best practices for
109 dealing with composting, and it specific to Residential.

110 • **Section 16-1-2(6): Animal feces:** All animal pens, runs, exercise areas, fenced areas,
111 structures, and composures shall comply with the provisions of what will be the Property
112 Maintenance Ordinance, and shall be kept clean, sanitary, and free from odor, feces,
113 insects, and other unsightly or objectional matters that constitute a public nuisance or are
114 otherwise detrimental to public health, safety, or welfare. The owner or person of any
115 dog or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to deposit on any
116 street, alley or other public or private property, unless such matter is immediately
117 removed therefrom by said owner or person in charge. This section shall not apply to a
118 person who is visually or physically handicapped. Domestic animal feces shall be
119 removed and properly disposed of within 24 hours. Staff is proposing this language to
120 replace the previous requirement: that excrement shall be removed regularly and disposed
121 of properly so not to attract insects or rodents, become unsightly or cause objectionable
122 odors and prevent the accumulation of one's pet's waste.

123 • **Section 16-1-2(8): Detached Truck Toppers:** The city currently does not regulate

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124 detached truck topper storage. If the city wishes to regulate this, staff proposes the
125 following language: No person may leave or store a detached truck topper in any front
126 yard. All detached toppers shall be stored inside an enclosed structure or they shall be
127 stored in a rear or side yard in a manner that does not create a hazard or an aesthetic
128 nuisance. No detached truck toppers shall be used as a compost container, accessory
129 storage structure, animal enclosure, or any other use that is contrary to the designated and
130 originally intended use customarily associated with a truck topper.

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132 Katie said this has not necessarily been an issue and told committee members the city does not
133 need to regulate it even though other municipalities do.

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135 Ald. T. Smith asked if the city has ever had any complaints pertaining to truck toppers.

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137 Katie said the only complaints to citizens storing items in a truck topper.

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139 Ald. T. Smith and Ald. Iyer both said they would prefer not to address it in the ordinance.

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141 Ald. Wulf said she is neutral.

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- 143 • **Section 16-1-2(12): Firewood Storage:** Firewood should be neatly stacked and may
144 not be stacked closer than two feet to any lot line and not higher than eight feet (currently
145 six feet) from grade, except adjacent to a fence where firewood can be stacked as high as
146 the fence. Fences as used in this section shall not include hedges or other vegetation.
147 Not more than 20 percent of the side and rear yard may be used for storage of firewood at
148 any one time. When a rear yard is used for firewood storage, such storage area shall be
149 counted in computing the rear lot coverage requirements in Section 13-6-7(c)(2)(3).

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151 Katie asked committee members if they wish to change the amount of firewood one may store
152 and said she would question whether one would incorporate into the 25-percent allotment as that
153 is a permanent accessory structure. Katie also pointed one could argue that firewood is
154 temporary and said, "Should you burn it up by using it and having it, and then you take it away
155 and staff is trying to guess based on what season you're in if you're over 25 [percent] or not. It
156 seems more difficult to enforce."

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158 Ald. T. Smith asked how staff would enforce this.

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160 Katie said two complaints have been registered in the last six years regarding a homeowner
161 having too much firewood. The complaints stemmed from firewood being stored in the
162 driveway and sitting there for more than one month.

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164 Katie asked committee members if they want to keep the existing not more than 20 percent rule,

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165 and she also asked if it should count toward the permanent 25 percent.

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167 Ald. Wulf, Ald. T. Smith and Ald. Iyer all said they do not want it to count toward the permanent
168 25 percent.

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170 Katie asked if the committee wishes to keep the first sentence (“Not more than 20 percent of the
171 side and rear yard may be used for storage of firewood at any one time”) and delete the second
172 (“When a rear yard is used for firewood storage, such storage area shall be counted in computing
173 the rear lot coverage requirements in Section 13-6-7(c)(2)(3)”), or delete both. Katie noted the
174 first sentence does not refer to the Accessory Structure Ordinance and said this would limit the
175 amount of firewood someone could have.

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177 Ald. T. Smith asked Katie what staff recommends.

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179 Katie said staff typically does not receive complaints, adding she does not know if citizens are
180 aware that the city regulates firewood.

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182 Ald. T. Smith and Ald. Wulf said they favor leaving it out.

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184 • **Section 16-1-2(13): Fuel Tanks:** Fuel tanks, which currently are not regulated, shall not
185 be stored in any front or side yard. Fuel tanks would be allowed in the rear yard.

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187 Fire Chief Hayes said he believes a fuel tank located in the rear yard needs to be secured, adding
188 a fuel tank located either in the front or side yard is susceptible to vandalism, which could lead to
189 a fire.

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191 Ald. T. Smith asked what type of fuel tanks are being discussed.

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193 Katie said staff does not specify.

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195 Mayor Chilsen recalled an instance when there was a fire on 9th Avenue and the homeowner had
196 several acetylene tanks, and he asked if perhaps that could be addressed in the ordinance.

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198 Katie said there is no specific amount as to how much fuel one may store. Rather, no fuel tanks
199 may be stored in the front or side yard because in theory the rear yard is more expansive and a
200 fuel tank may be kept away from property lines.

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202 Ald. Iyer asked if a maximum amount could be added.

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204 Katie said it would be possible to do so, but she also said it goes back to enforcement.

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206 Fire Chief Hayes noted homeowners could store several fuel tanks unseen in a garage.

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208 Ald. T. Smith he would support allowing fuel tanks only in the backyard.

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210 • **Section 16-1-2(14): Dumping and Littering:** The current code does not have detailed
211 regulations. Katie said the proposed ordinance addresses scope, litter to be cleaned up,
212 and litter picked up at the litterer's expense. Katie said this is specific to litter from
213 conduct of commercial enterprise, noting there are commercial entities that do not clean
214 up around the dumpster area.

215 • **Section 16-1-2(17)(a), (b), (f), (g), (h), and (i): Vehicles:**

216 ○ Vehicles shall be kept fully operational, licensed and used on a regular basis. Oil
217 and other vehicle fluids shall not be permitted to spill onto the ground, which may
218 create an aesthetic nuisance and/or migrate into the city's right-of-way or utility
219 systems.

220 ○ Regarding parking of vehicles and trailers less than 25 feet in length, Katie said
221 this can be confusing, noting the city's rules state the closest a recreational vehicle
222 parked in the driveway may be from the curb is 15 feet. Katie said it normally is
223 from the right-of-way, but the right-of-way varies, and she asked if it is really 15
224 feet from the curb, or is there a concern that the recreational vehicle is not in the
225 sidewalk. Katie suggested perhaps modifying it. Katie also noted property
226 owners are only allowed to put a boat, recreational vehicle, or trailer in the side
227 yard if they have a 25-foot setback. This was generally written for corner
228 properties, and individuals who do not own a corner property may not put a boat
229 in a 6- or 10-foot side yard setback – it either must go in the rear yard or on an
230 approved hard surface (driveway). This means property owners park recreational
231 vehicles in their driveway because are unable to put them in the backyard. Katie
232 asked if the city should continue to regulate it this way, or if a property owner's
233 boat or trailer should be allowed in the side yard, provided the boar or trailer
234 remains on his/her property.

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236 City Administrator Rindfleisch said that when homes are constructed, garage-to-garage,
237 oftentimes the side being utilized is the one next to the garage, so vehicles are not very visible.

238 City Administrator Rindfleisch noted he resides in a neighborhood with zero-lot line homes and
239 said there are property owners who park their boats in the driveway and their vehicles on the
240 street. City Administrator Rindfleisch said a change in the code could be a way to free up that
241 area and suggested that perhaps requiring paving the side yard for recreational vehicles could be
242 a solution. This would free up street parking and allow homeowners to park their vehicles in the
243 driveway and their boats on the side yard.

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245 Ald. Wulf noted she and Katie had discussed the rule regarding the closest a recreational vehicle
246 parked in the driveway may be from the curb is 15 feet.

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248 Katie said staff can word the ordinance to state a recreational vehicle cannot impede the
249 sidewalk.

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251 Ald. Iyer inquired about recreational vehicle impeding the sidewalk.

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253 Katie said staff responds to complaints and told Ald. Iyer the goal is to ensure pedestrians may
254 utilize the sidewalk. Katie said, "It's not typically that it's impeding the sidewalk. It's just a
255 better measuring tool than 15 feet."

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257 City Administrator Rindfleisch said he assumes the 15-foot requirement was for streets that had a
258 sidewalk on one side, but not the other, and he added, "The point is the pedestrians."

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260 Katie said staff will not need to enter private property to do a measurement.

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262 ○ Regarding parking or storage of unregistered, unlicensed, or inoperable vehicles
263 on public property. Except as permitted on State of Wisconsin property, no
264 person shall park any unregistered, unlicensed, or inoperable vehicle upon any
265 public street, alley, highway, or public property.

266 ○ Regarding abandoned vehicles, a vehicle is considered abandoned if the vehicle is
267 parked and left unattended in the same place for 48 consecutive hours without the
268 permission of the owner of the premises and is in public view. The City of
269 Onalaska Police Department shall be responsible for the removal and disposition
270 of vehicles abandoned on public premises. For private properties, the City of
271 Onalaska Police Department's involvement is limited to issuing appropriate
272 parking tickets, and it is the responsibility of the property owner to appropriately
273 remove and dispose of vehicles abandoned on private property.

274 ○ Regarding storage of machinery, implements and equipment, no person shall park
275 or store or permit any other person to park or store any machinery, implements, or
276 equipment designated for use in agriculture, construction, or other commercial
277 enterprise unless the machinery, implements, or equipment is stored in an
278 enclosed structure.

279 ○ Regarding responsibility for parking violations on premises, the registered owner
280 of a vehicle shall be responsible for any violations of the parking provisions of
281 this ordinance. If a vehicle has been abandoned or the owner of the vehicle is
282 unknown, then the owner of the property on which the vehicle is located shall be
283 responsible for any violation of the parking provisions of this ordinance.

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285 City Administrator Rindfleisch said the ordinance addresses boats and recreational vehicles on
286 trailers, but not necessarily commercial, and it also addresses storage of equipment, but not
287 necessarily equipment on a trailer. City Administrator Rindfleisch noted one of his neighbors

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288 has a trailer he utilizes for a lawn-mowing business, also noting there is equipment on the trailer,
289 which is in the driveway. City Administrator Rindfleisch asked where in the ordinance it states
290 that is allowable.

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292 Katie said City Administrator Rindfleisch's question will be addressed with clearer distinction at
293 the October 2 Administrative and Judiciary Committee meeting if the ordinance moves forward.

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295 Ald. Stevens inquired about composting, asking if composting that is contained but may be seen
296 would be out of ordinance.

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298 Katie said it likely would be out of ordinance because an enclosed structure means no one can
299 see the compost material. Katie noted compost-related complaints typically are due to the odor
300 emanating from a container and said odors are contained when property owners open up the lid
301 and stir the compost material, as opposed to simply containing it and it still is visible. Katie said
302 the language may be edited to state the compost material is in a structure such as fencing.

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304 Ald. Stevens cautioned the committee about creating too many rules that require regulation as it
305 might become necessary to revisit them if regulation becomes difficult.

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307 City Administrator Rindfleisch said the proposed language for brush addresses the public
308 nuisance factor in that it states brush could become a habitat for vermin. By comparison, the
309 first bullet point in the composting section specifically states how composting will be conducted
310 as well as the material of which a container shall be made. City Administrator Rindfleisch
311 suggested that the ordinance state that composting shall not become a public nuisance as defined
312 by aesthetic, health or odiferous uses.

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314 Ald. Stevens asked if compost material that is not visible in a rear yard and not emanating an
315 odor should be permissible.

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317 Katie said an argument could be made that sturdy metal fencing is listed as an option for a
318 compost container and thus already could be allowed.

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320 **Item 7 – Onalaska Firefighters Association request for the City of Onalaska's support for**
321 **use of the City's facility, personnel and equipment for the 9th Annual Firehouse 5K**
322 **Run/Walk**

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324 Karl Goldbeck, the President of the Onalaska Firefighters' Association as well as a member of
325 the Onalaska Fire Department, said the Firehouse 5K Run/Walk began in 2011, but was not held
326 this past spring due to certain verbiage. Karl said the OFA is seeking to go through the
327 appropriate committees and have a recurring so that it is not necessary to take these steps on a
328 yearly basis. The Children's Miracle Network is the primary benefactor, and Karl noted this
329 event raised more than \$29,000 for the organization from 2011 to 2018. Karl noted he had

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330 spoken with City Attorney Amanda Jackson and shared the following:

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332 • The OFA would create its own email address and also open a P.O. Box that are separate
333 from the city. However, the OFA wishes to utilize the city's website for online
334 registration. There also would be pdf hard-copy registration forms available.

335 • The OFA wishes to utilize its facility to hold the race at the firehouse. Packets could be
336 picked up the day before the event, and firefighters would not be paid that evening. All
337 the firefighters would be paid the day of the race as they would be utilizing the
338 department's apparatus, providing public safety, and responding to any calls should they
339 occur.

340 • The race is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2020, and it likely will end by 11
341 a.m. A majority of the proceeds go to CMN, which provides brochures, insurance, and
342 public relations/media.

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344 City Administrator Rindfleisch said what is being proposed is what has occurred in the past, and
345 he also said a reason there was no race in 2019 is because firefighters were not paid on-site. City
346 Administrator Rindfleisch said, "It becomes a line of, what is a city event and what is not a city
347 event? Because the proceeds aren't benefitting a taxpayer-sponsored service, it technically does
348 not fall under the guidelines of what a city event is. The reason for the gap in there is so we
349 could clearly define what is an association event and what is a city event. This is not a city
350 event. However, as the request has been made to use city facilities, so why they're presenting
351 today is while it is not a city event, we have to get permission from the policy makers to use city
352 equipment. Like in the past, anybody who is here, the line gets confused between scheduling
353 somebody and volunteering somebody who is doing particularly the same duties. It becomes a
354 work assignment from [Fire Chief Hayes], who then assigns workers to be here. And it falls
355 within the existing budgets for staffing for anybody to be here as well. They're not asking for
356 any additional staffing or funding as well. The only real difference between this and two years
357 ago is getting this committee's and Council's permission to use city equipment and use the city's
358 premises for technically what is not a city event."

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360 Karl noted the event typically attracts more than 200 participants a year.

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362 Ald. Wulf asked City Administrator Rindfleisch if there is anything in the books to which he
363 could draw a parallel.

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365 City Administrator Rindfleisch said there is nothing and noted that events such as the K9 Golf
366 Tournament support a city-sponsored service.

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368 Karl noted the OFA donates \$3,000 back yearly to the Fire Department and said the OFA also
369 offers scholarships at Onalaska High School.

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371 Fire Chief Hayes noted the OFA also holds events such as its annual dance and said the proceeds
372 assisted in the purchase of the Fire Department's ballistic vests and helmets.

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374 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. T. Smith, to approve Onalaska Firefighters Association
375 request for the City of Onalaska's support for use of the City's facility, personnel and equipment
376 for the 9th Annual Firehouse 5K Run/Walk.

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378 On voice vote, motion carried.

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380 **Item 8 – Approval of 2019 Cemetery Financials**

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382 Fred reported that as of August 23, revenues totaled \$46,515.42 and expenditures totaled
383 \$51,214.08 for a deficit of \$4,698.66.

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385 Motion by Ald. Iyer, second by Ald. T. Smith, to approve 2019 Cemetery Financials.

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387 On voice vote, motion carried.

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389 **Item 9 – Approval of 2020 Cemetery Budget**

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391 Fred said \$69,475 in revenue has been budgeted for 2020, compared to \$65,490 for 2019. The
392 2019 budgeted expenditures totaled \$94,933, and \$95,280 has been budgeted for 2020. Fred said
393 the city has had the practice of rotating increasing the price of grave openings and sale of lots by
394 the Consumer Price Index, and he told committee members he believes a 2-percent increase in
395 the price of grave openings for 2020 is reasonable.

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397 Ald. Wulf noted the city is significantly below its projected revenue for grave openings (\$20,670
398 collected versus \$38,000 budgeted for 2019).

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400 Jarrod noted he has seen more ashes interred over the last five years and said has decreased grave
401 sales as more ashes may be interred in a grave site. Jarrod said this has had a negative impact on
402 revenue and he told Ald. Wulf, "We try to charge based upon what it actually takes. Putting
403 ashes in is a hand-dug hole, whereas we have to have a piece of equipment and two people out
404 for a full grave opening.

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406 Ald. Wulf said the committee must temporarily recess so that she and Cari may attend the 6:45
407 p.m. Board of Review meeting.

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409 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Iyer, to recess the Administrative and Judiciary Committee
410 for the Board of Review at 6:46 p.m.

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412 On voice vote, motion carried.

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414 Ald. Wulf called the Administrative and Judiciary Committee back to order at 6:50 p.m. on
415 Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

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417 Ald. Wulf noted grave openings increased from \$24,505 in 2017 to \$26,300 in 2018, and she
418 also noted \$31,000 is being budgeted for 2020.

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420 Fred said he has based that figure on taking the grave openings today, dividing that number by
421 eight and then multiplying by 12.

422
423 Ald. Wulf addressed the \$1,900 budgeted for weed and grub control spraying under Operating
424 Supplies, asking Jarrod if staff utilizes Roundup, noting the City of La Crosse recently ceased
425 using Roundup in favor of an organic compound called Finalsan due to evidence connecting
426 cancer to the use of Roundup.

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428 Jarrod told Ald. Wulf the city hires out a service that purchases the material at a lower price than
429 the city does. Jarrod said weed control costs \$1,100 and grub control costs an additional \$700,
430 and he said the lawn would be scalped if there were no grub control as moles have been an issue.
431 Jarrod also noted the cemetery is not fertilized in an effort to control mowing costs and said
432 wants to control weeds, otherwise the grounds will be overrun with them.

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434 Ald. Iyer asked Jarrod if it would be possible to find out what type of chemical is being utilized
435 at the cemetery.

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437 Jarrod said Roundup is not being utilized, and he assured committee members there is no
438 glyphosate in the application that is being used.

439
440 Cari said the following rates would increase as of January 1, 2020:

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- 442 • Full burials, Monday through Friday, would increase from \$710 to \$725.
 - 443 • Full burials outside business hours (Saturday, Sunday, observed holidays) would increase
444 from \$1,000 to \$1,020.
 - 445 • Infant burials, Monday through Friday, would increase from \$290 to \$295.
 - 446 • Infant burials outside business hours (Saturday, Sunday, observed holidays) would
447 increase from \$420 to \$430.
 - 448 • Ashes buried in an urn only, Monday through Friday, would increase from \$340 to \$350.
 - 449 • Ashes buried in an urn only outside business hours (Saturday, Sunday, observed
450 holidays) would increase from \$475 to \$485.

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452 Ald. Wulf asked if the prices for ashes in monument (\$60), lot transfer fee (\$65) and marker and
453 monument fees (\$85 per grave lot) would remain the same.

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455 Fred suggested increasing the price for ashes in monument, which was \$60 in 2018 and 2019.

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457 Cari said the price for ashes in monument would increase from \$60 to \$65.

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459 Jarrod noted there is a significant amount of activity with marker and monument fees, but there
460 is minimal activity with ashes in monument and lot transfer fees.

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462 Ald. Wulf noted the cost of marker and monument fees had increased 6.3 percent (\$80 to \$85) in
463 2019.

464
465 Cari said ashes in monument would remain at \$60.

466
467 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Iyer, to approve a rate increase for grave openings at the
468 Onalaska Cemetery, effective January 1, 2020.

469
470 On voice vote, motion carried.

471
472 Motion by Ald. T. Smith, second by Ald. Iyer, to approve the 2020 Cemetery Budget.

473
474 On voice vote, motion carried.

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476 **Item 10 – Miscellaneous licensing reporting**

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478 Motion by Ald. Iyer, second by Ald. T. Smith, to approve the miscellaneous licensing reporting
479 dated September 4, 2019 and place it on file.

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481 On voice vote, motion carried.

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483 **Judiciary**

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485 **Item 11 – Ordinance 1651-2019 – to amend Article E of Chapter 3 of Title 2 of the Code of**
486 **Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Joint Municipal Court (Third and Final**
487 **Reading)**

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489 Motion by Ald. Iyer, second by Ald. Wulf, to approve Ordinance 1651-2019 – to amend Article
490 E of Chapter 3 of Title 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Joint
491 Municipal Court (Third and Final Reading).

492
493 On voice vote, motion carried.

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495 **Item 12 – Ordinance 1652-2019 – to annex land located in the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest**
496 **¼ in Section 32, Township 17 North, Range 7 West from the Town of Onalaska to the City**
497 **of Onalaska (Wessel Annexation) (First and Second Reading)**

498
499 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Iyer, to approve Ordinance 1652-2019 – to annex land
500 located in the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ in Section 32, Township 17 North, Range 7 West
501 from the Town of Onalaska to the City of Onalaska (Wessel Annexation) (First and Second
502 Reading).

503
504 On voice vote, motion carried.

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506 **Item 13 – Ordinance 1653-2019 – to amend Section 2-5-4 of the Code of Ordinance of the**
507 **City of Onalaska relating to specific conflicts of interest (First and Second Reading)**

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509 Motion by Ald. Iyer, second by Ald. Wulf, to approve Ordinance 1653-2019 – to amend Section
510 2-5-4 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Onalaska relating to specific conflicts of interest
511 (First and Second Reading).

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513 Ald. Wulf said, “The reason why this was brought up is because a number of us were at an
514 establishment and we were invited for a tasting and a sampling menu. It was obvious to all of us
515 there that day we were going to receive something in excess of \$10, and we felt very
516 uncomfortable. Before we left, we were throwing money onto the table because there were three
517 people who had just been elected, and they were quite aware of what the ordinance was. I think
518 the next day I texted staff and asked, could we do something about this, because times have
519 changed.”

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521 On voice vote, motion carried.

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523 **Adjournment**

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525 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Iyer, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

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527 On voice vote, motion carried.

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530 Recorded by:

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