



Office of Jim Grafton
City Administrator ▪ Public Works Director

Date: 4-19-18

Re: Ordinance Meeting

Members present: Ian Pavelonis, Tony Trulson

Also present: Kathy Hall, Larry York, Josh Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse, Jim Nelson, Andrea Gryp, Barb Fox, Shannon Pirmann, Mayor Matt Carter, Jim Grafton

Location: City Hall 121 11th Street

Chairman Ian Pavelonis called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and noted a quorum was present for three agenda items.

The first agenda item was discussion on the proposed gun ordinance. Members reviewed the ordinance noting the need for 'adequate' lighting, cameras, a security system that reports to the police station and the requirement that all guns are to be locked in a vault when the business is closed for business. Alderman York wanted to make sure the vault is 'permanently' secured to the floor. Alderman Trulson said he looked for similar ordinances but there were none in place. He thought the ordinance should be inspected as well; perhaps by the building inspector or the Police Chief. Alderman Lohse thought the insurance company would also weigh in on the security. Committee was in agreement with the proposed ordinance (with suggested changes) and the item would be placed on the May 1st COW agenda for consideration.

Next discussed was the proposed language for the appointment of City Officers. This refers to an amendment to section 2-142 sections A&B in the City of Silvis Code of Ordinances. Alderman Rockwell explained that he would like a procedure in place. The last two appointments worked out well. He would like to see this process followed in the future as proposed. It was noted that this is new language. The Mayor asked if there is a need for the ordinance. There was discussion as well on the proposed Deputy Chief position. There is no language in the ordinance that refers to the Deputy Chief. Alderman Trulson brought up the promotions in the Fire Department that involves the Public Safety Committee. The Mayor thought that the proposed language takes away some of the Mayor authority. Committee discussed and agreed to place on the May 1st COW agenda.

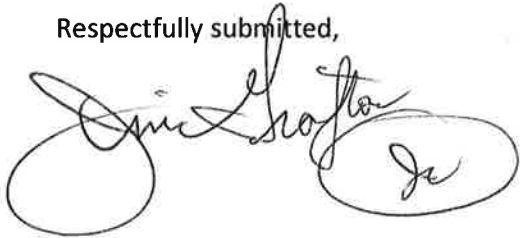
The last agenda item was discussion on an ordinance seeking a binding opinion of the question of whether the Silvis City Clerk shall be appointed rather than elected. Clerk Nelson reported this is common in the state; many clerks act as office managers as well. He also referred to the advances in technology and there needs to be regular updates to stay current with trends of today.

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Alderman Dyer asked if there is a certification required. Clerk Nelson said that he is a Certified Municipal Clerk...current practice could result in an election of a clerk with no experience. This is a referendum question. The collector position would not change if clerk is appointed or elected. Committee was in agreement to move forward to get the question placed on the next ballot. The item would be placed on the May 1st COW agenda. Former Clerk Fox disagrees with the recommendation. She said that the training is very important; financing was tight and training funds were not allocated all the time. She added that appointed clerks in other communities (like Moline) are having difficulty filling the position. Appointed clerks view the position as a job; elected Clerks have to reside in the community. She would like to see this done in three readings.

There were no other agenda items and the meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Grafton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval. To the right of the main signature, there is a smaller, separate oval containing the initials "JG".