COMMON COUNCIL MAY 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor John Guinn with the following roll call:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Schmidt	Alderperson	Present	
Kim Olson	Alderperson	Absent	
Jack Abbott	Alderperson	Absent	
Roger Smith	Alderperson	Present	
John Guinn	Mayor	Present	

Also present was City Attorney Nolan Franti and Comptroller/Treasurer Angela Runde

Mayor Guinn takes roll. Alderperson Smith and Alderperson Schmidt are present, Alderperson Olson and Alderperson Abbott are absent. Mayor Guinn indicates per City ordinance, chapter 38.4(b)(1) - members of the Common Council who are present can make a motion to compel the attendance of the members who are not in attendance. Mayor Guinn defers to Attorney Franti to explain the options. Attorney Franti prefaces that this was not one of the issues he had prepared on for this evening, and to his knowledge, it is not an option the City has invoked. Attorney Franti explains the options he is aware of: compelling attendance, monetary penalties, and eventually if there are excessive absences there are further actions that can be taken against the specific member(s).

Alderperson Schmidt inquires if anyone has attempted to call either absent member. Mayor Guinn indicates that Alderperson Olson did email the City Clerk at 5:58pm that she had a migraine and would not be in attendance. He further explains he has not heard from Alderperson Abbott and asked Chief Toellner to attempt contact to try to compel attendance.

Alderperson Schmidt asks for clarification on the quorum. Mayor Guinn explains, with the resignation of two alderpeople, three of the remaining alderpersons would be required for a quorum.

Chief Toellner indicates he was not able to make contact with Alderperson Abbott. Mayor Guinn asked Chief Toellner also attempt contact with Alderperson Olson.

Mayor Guinn inquires of Attorney Franti if he is able to read anything into the record without a quorum present. Attorney Franti explains without a quorum, they cannot conduct any business.

Chief Toellner indicates he was not able to make contact with Alderperson Olson.

Mayor Guinn inquires of Attorney Franti if he is able to reach into the record the resignation letters of the City Clerk and the Comptroller/Treasurer. Attorney Franti indicates he can read it in, but they cannot conduct any business.

Alderperson Smith inquired what happens if these members continue not to show, what options do they have. Mayor Guinn further asked what the duration of time is, fine amount, etc. Attorney Franti explained he would have to look into the matter further. He does have the guidelines from the Wisconsin Municipal Elected Officials handbook.

Mayor Guinn points out this meeting was noticed the prior Friday. Mayor Guinn asks the present members for direction, as he has items that do not require action. Attorney Franti asks for additional time to look at the handbook.

Pledge of Allegiance done at this time.

Attorney Franti informs that any business done without a quorum would be null and void. Without a quorum they can 1) make a motion to adjourn, 2) take recess, 3) take measures to obtain a quorum, or 4) to pick a time to adjourn to a next meeting. He would advise against taking any action other than those four indicated items.

Alderperson Schmidt states they made an attempt to contact without success and that's about as far as they can go tonight. At a later date, they can look at penalties if they continue not to be present.

Motion to adjourn by Alderperson Schmidt. Second by Alderperson Smith. 2-0, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Anastasia Gonstead, City Clerk