

Unapproved Minutes
Council Special Session
February 23, 2015
Monday 7:00 p.m.

The special session of the City Council, City of Vermillion, South Dakota was called to order on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Powell at the William J. Radigan Fire/EMS station.

1. Roll Call

Present: Collier-Wise, Erickson, Holland, Clarene Meins, Holly Meins, Price, Ward, Willson, Mayor Powell

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Informational Session - Review of proposed Ordinance establishing registration guidelines for home childcare facilities

Mayor Powell asked City Council members for their comments on the proposed ordinance. Council members stated that they were not aware of any problems with childcare facilities but wanted to establish minimum standards that were reasonable and workable. It was noted that they wanted to make sure that there were no misunderstandings, noted the need to document where the childcare providers were in the community for fire and EMS, and their interest in the safety of the children in our community.

Mayor Powell asked Shannon Draper, Fire Chief, to review a presentation that went over each section of the ordinance. Shannon answered questions on how the ordinance would be implemented. Shannon reviewed the inspection process and how he would work with a provider to correct non compliance issues. Discussion followed on the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Powell suggested reviewing the ordinance section by section as follows:

121.01 Definitions

Jim McCulloch, City Attorney, suggested updating the definitions to be similar to those found in the zoning section of the city ordinance.

121.02 Required

Discussion followed on unregistered providers and the fee. Council members noted that they did not anticipate any fee.

121.03 Application

Discussion followed on the signatures required noting that it would just be the applicants with the registration every other year.

121.04-121.06

No issues

121.07 Inspection

Correct the wording from licensed to registered and for unannounced inspections in case of emergency.

121.08 Fencing and other barriers

There was discussion on the written consent form.

121.09

No issues

121.10

Deleted

121.11 State registered home day cares

There was discussion on the need to have the registration completed for those daycares licensed by the State so they can be included in the local database.

Mayor Powell asked if there were any other questions and the question was raised about why there is a need to register and have the inspections. A member of the audience made the comment that the registration and inspection process will legitimize the child care providers. Council members spoke in support of the child care providers and the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Powell stated that the modifications discussed will be made to the proposed ordinance.

4. Adjourn

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Alderman Ward moved to adjourn the Council special session at 8:18 p.m. Alderman Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 23rd day of February, 2015.

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John E. (Jack) Powell, Mayor

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