



Minutes
Committee #3
Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic

Committee #3 met Monday, March 21, 2016 at 4:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Committee Members present: Paul Olson, CW King, and Brent Ford

Council Members present: Paul Nadreau

Others present: Police Sergeant BeBeau, City Clerk Bridget Givens, Tricia Brown, and Christopher Ursery.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

- 1. Discuss and consider appeal of a dangerous dog order issued to Tricia Brown in accordance with Animal Care and Licenses Code Section, §12.11 of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

Tricia Brown and Christopher Ursery appeared to appeal the dangerous dog order issued for their dog, Hercules. The owners indicated that Hercules had not shown aggressive behavior in the past, and that a visitor at their home had let him out without their permission. The owners also provided a letter from Lake Wissota Animal Hospital, where Hercules was held for rabies quarantine, indicating that he had not exhibited aggressive behavior during his stay.

Councilor Ford indicated that the City recently strengthened the ordinance relative to dangerous dogs based upon concerns expressed by the community. The ordinance defines a dangerous animal as any animal which, when unprovoked, inflicts bodily harm on a person, domestic pet or animal on public or private property. Hercules entered another person's home when they opened the door and attacked two elderly residents, and their domestic pet. In accordance with the definition of dangerous animal, Sergeant BeBeau issued the dangerous dog order.

It was also brought to the attention of the Committee that the police had been called to Tricia Brown's residence a few weeks prior to the incident at hand as she could not separate two of her dogs, one of which was Hercules.

Motion by King/Olson to recommend Council uphold the recommendation of the Chippewa Falls Police Department in their issuance of a dangerous dog order to Tricia Brown. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

- 2. Adjournment**

Motion by King/Olson to adjourn at 4:47 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by:
Paul Olson, Chair