

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
First Floor Meeting Room, Bristol City Hall/Zoom

ATTENDEES: Susan Tyler, Cheryl Thibeault, Jacqueline Olsen

ABSENT: - - -

STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Conlin, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Richard Hart, Fire Chief
Kristopher Lambert, Fire Marshal

1. The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Council Member Tyler.
2. Approval of Minutes

Cheryl Thibeault made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022 meeting seconded by Jacqueline Olsen. All present voted in favor – motion passed.

3. Public Participation

- Thomas Berrill, 498 East Road, Coalition for The Preservation of Marriage and Innocence
Mr. Berrill wants to propose an ordinance. He read his proposal regarding the flag policy and is requesting to introduce having the Flag for Traditional Marriage be flown for one month.
- John Lafreniere, 85 New St.
Mr. Lafreniere spoke about the chronic ATV abuses on View St., Melrose St., Judson Ave., and South St. Extension. It is now a quality of life issue. The ordinances need to be reviewed and tightened up.

4. Old Business

- a. Request by Fire Chief Richard Hart: Fire suppression systems inspections

Chief Hart brought the committee up to date on the request for an Ordinance that would allow a third party administrator for compliance to gather information and submit it to the fire marshal's office that would increase their compliance to approximately 80-90%. They have been urged to increase their compliance numbers. He described how this system would work with the current staff.

Fire Marshal Lambert said one issue may be the potential fee that may be passed along to the taxpayers. This would not affect all taxpayers. Local fire marshals do not have jurisdiction on single family and two-family homes, only in 3 or more residences and all commercial buildings. If they move to single and two-family homes they will be required to inspect every single building within the municipality on an annual basis which is impossible.

With the inception of the Brycer Compliance Engine it would be like adding a staff member to his office whose sole purpose would be to ensure that every fire alarm system and every sprinkler system is inspected either on a quarterly or annual basis. This would only apply to any 3 family homes which actually have a fire alarm system as not all do as it is not required and it would also apply to the commercial buildings most of which are not owned by local residents but by large corporations and some do not even live in this country.

So the fee (\$17) would be passed on to people who do not live here. To be in compliance they would have to hire a full-time person so engaging this company would be cost effective. He reviewed the fire code compliance stats. These issues would be addressed in a more timely fashion. This would

be a huge help to the Fire Marshal's office and it would be at zero cost to the City and in the City's best interest to adopt this.

Discussion. Section (e) was discussed.

Cheryl Thibeault made a motion that this be forwarded to City Council to set a date for a Public Hearing. Jacqueline Olsen seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed.

5. New Business – There was no new business.
6. Committee Member Comments – There were no member comments.
7. Adjournment

Cheryl Thibeault made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. seconded by Jacqueline Olsen. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper
Recording Secretary