

## Item 23-1086: 2024 City Clerk's Office License Fee Changes

## Item 23-1085 Appleton Municipal Code, Chapter 6 Revisions for the Fire Department

### Common Council

Wed, Sep 20, 2023 7:00PM

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 1:27:27

All right. Let's move on to Safety and Licensing. The first is item 23-1086 2024 Clerks—City Clerk's Office license fee changes. We have a motion and a second to approve. Alder Siebers.

#### Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 1:27:55

Thank you, Your Honor. This—what I'm going to say is apropos to the other item that I have separated out that 23-1085 rela—related to the Fire Department fees. I'm not going to vote no on these fee increases because they are not warranted. They are. Here's my problem. I believe license fees, permit should be based on recouping costs and administering such permits or licenses, not in my opinion based on what other communities are doing.

#### Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 1:28:36

When I asked the city clerk if we were recouping our costs with these increases, she stated that that we weren't, even with the increases. And I believe her. There's nothing that I could have the show that she was not telling the truth. I definitely believe her, as well as I believe the fire chief when he said that we weren't. But I believe we need to do a better job in terms of showing that we either are recouping our costs or we aren't. And you know, that might take a little work, but I think it's important.

#### Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 1:29:24

You know, I also think we should be reviewing these, our fees, on a regular basis so that the increases have a minimal impact. 10 years review is not good. So, while I believe these fees are increases are warranted, I'm still gonna vote no, because, in a couple of cases, I think we could even increase some more, but I'm not going to sit here and battle that out on the Council floor. Thank you.

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 1:29:59

Any further discussion? Hearing none, we have motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. Motion passes 13 to three—excuse me 12 to three. Thank you.

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 1:30:35

All right. Next from Safety and Licensing, this is item 23-1085, Appleton Municipal Code chapter six revisions for the fire department. We have a motion and a second to approve. Alder Hartzheim.

#### Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 1:30:58

Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to recognize the amendment to this policy—or these this change. I think it's important that we do not raise the fee, the annual fee for residents to have an inspection on their personal firepits etc. Thank you.

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 1:31:19

Any further discussion? We have motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. Motion passes 14 to one.