

Item 24-1154: Fee Waiver Request - 311 N Superior Street

Municipal Services Committee

Mon, Aug 26, 2024 4:30PM

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:17

We have no public hearings or appearances. So, we are—Attorney Behrens, we're going to go slightly out of order here. So, our—for our first action item, we will go to item 24-1154, the fee waiver request for 311 North Superior Street.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 01:41

Move for denial of the fee waiver.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:43

Okay, so we have a motion for denial of the fee waive—waiver. Is there a second?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 01:49

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:50

Okay, so we have a motion and a second to deny the fee waiver. And I understand that we have someone here who would like to speak on that item. Okay, okay.

[Property owner speaks off microphone.]

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:09

Alright, hang on. One second, one second. Can you give your name and address for the record?

Andy Glatczak (Appleton Business Owner) 02:14

Yep, Andy Glatczak [XXXXXX] Neenah, Wisconsin, property owner of 311 North Superior Street.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:20

Okay, thank you. Now, go ahead.

Andy Glatczak (Appleton Business Owner) 02:22

My only issue with the fine is that there's four properties surrounding me that have weeds that are unacceptable, and there's about 30 pictures of those weeds and those other properties all taken on the same date as my property was taken pictures of, and I'm the only one that got the \$160 fine on this deal.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:41

Okay, all right, thank you. Inspector Craanen, what—what microphone do you have? Okay.

Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections) 02:48

I think we had corresponded about this. But one of those properties was a railroad.

Andy Glatczak (Appleton Business Owner) 02:52

Yep.

Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections) 02:52

Right, and we actually had to cut that one. They were billed for—

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:55

Okay, can we do this, not as a dialogue? Can you speak to the Chair? Thank you.

Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections) 03:01

We talked about this, and I sent him some emails that the other property was a railroad property that was cut by our contractor. And then there was a different property, I think, to the north, a parking lot, I believe, was sent a notice as well.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:15

All right, thank you. And if I could ask a question of you, sir. I—the way that it came to us in the details is that you were given a notice and then a second notice, and then—so was there a reason you didn't respond to either of the notices by either cutting or...?

Andy Glatczak (Appleton Business Owner) 03:39

Sure, I didn't receive a notice by mail. I—apparently they sent me one by mail, and then through our correspondence, somebody called the number on the door. They didn't call me for—so by the time I realized that there was an issue is when I got the note on the door that—on July 3.

Andy Glatczak (Appleton Business Owner) 03:56

So that was weeks after because apparently this started—it looks like it started back on June 13. So, the first I was notified was June 3 [I'm assuming he actually meant to say "July 3"], and I mowed the—I went out there that day and mowed the line, cut it. There is three feet of grass. There's three feet of weeds, is what I—the issue's over. The issue, some—apparently there was a complaint, and I'm guessing that someone complained about the railroad tracks which is two blocks long that had weeds this tall, not my three feet.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:56

Okay.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:24

All right. Thank you.

Andy Glatczak (Appleton Business Owner) 04:24

And that's why I'm—that's been—but if they're going to start looking at weeds and all the other pictures they took of all the properties around me of the weeds, I'm the only one with \$160 fine.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:33

Okay, thank you. Thank you. Are any questions from committee? Alder Meltzer.

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 04:39

Yeah, could I just get some clarification from Director Craanen as to whether any of the other properties got fines? I'm assuming that the railroad that we—that the city contractor cut, that gets billed to them as a sort of a fine.

Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections) 04:54

Same process. I did end up talking to the manager, the property manager of the railroad for this area, and he just said, "Just cut it, and send us the bill," which we did. And we went through the same process, and we got an administrative search warrant, hired a contractor, and we cut it.

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 05:12

Thank you.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:13

Any other questions, comments? All right, anything else any staff wants to—any, any more input from staff? Okay, all right, hearing none, we have a motion and a second for denial. We can go ahead and vote now. All those in favor of denying the waiver please signify by saying, aye. Aye. All right, that passes five zero. This will come before the Common Council on our meeting. Somebody have the date right quick? September 4. So, it'll come before the full Council on September 4, and you would have an opportunity to speak again at that time. Seven o'clock.

Andy Glatczak (Appleton Business Owner) 05:57

Can someone just explain to me why I'm the only one that got a notice, and the other—?

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:01

We're done with this. We've already voted on this action item. Like I said, it will come before the Council on September 4.

Andy Glatczak (Appleton Business Owner) 06:09

Okay, thanks.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:10

Thank you.