

**Technology Meeting Minutes**  
**July 15, 2020**

**Ald. Karen Spiegelberg** called the Technology Committee meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Members Present:** Jill Persick, Peter Hoeft, Ronald Powell, Ryan Bennett, Ald. Rosek and Ald. Spiegelberg

**Members Absent:** Ald. Rogers

**Staff Present:** Mayor Magnus, Gallo, Sullivan, Pickart

**Others Present:** Atty Riffle, Ald. Ellis, Ald. Kowieski

**2.a. Introduction of Committee Members**

Spiegelberg introduced herself and thanked all of the members for their participation in this new committee. She asked all members to introduce themselves and talk about their background and interest in this committee.

**2.b. Review/act on Potential Changes to the Technology Committee Mission and Objectives**

Spiegelberg reviewed the draft Mission and Objectives as prepared by the City Administrator. The committee would like to change Objectives bullet point 4 to read 'Consider impacts of technologies regarding the city and public's quality of life, health, safety, security and privacy', and to add bullet point 5 to read 'Review Internal & External Technology issues as appropriate'.

Motion by Rosek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoeft to approve the Mission and Objectives as revised.

**2.c. Presentation on Wireless Communications Application Process and Legal Obligations – City Planner and City Attorney**

Spiegelberg started this presentation with a YouTube video entitled 'Is 5G harmful to humans?'

City Attorney Riffle presented the Committee a memo overview of Federal and State Pre-emption of Mobile Service. He discussed the Federal laws that prohibit local regulation of the implementation of 5G. The Wisconsin legislature created Act 14 that also put standards into place that stops local government from putting any inhibiting measures into place to stop 5G mobile infrastructure from being implemented. The Council has directed that Riffle continue to be aware of any new developments in the legislature that may allow restrictions to be made.

City Planning Director Jason Gallo distributed a map of the City highlighting the existing wireless infrastructure in the City. Gallo discussed the City's internal process for allowing towers in the City, which includes an application, copy of tower plans and an engineered structural analysis. The City Planner notifies the Council and the Mayor of new tower plans that were submitted. The City's ordinance has standards which must be met for approval.

Persick suggested an addition to the application that would include more information regarding the frequency and wattage of the proposed wireless tower.

**2.d. Consider/act on Creation of Ordinance to Address Drone Use (Public and Private)**

Rosek did some research into what other communities drone policies include, he used Eugene, Oregon as an example. Our policy should include which departments are using drones and when they are using them. Rosek would like staff to collect policies from various communities and bring back to the committee.

The Committee would like to review other community policies that address drone use. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

**2.e. Consider/act on Goal to Review all City Ordinances that Affect Technology (Internal and External) Including Monopoles and Attachment of Wireless Structures to Existing Poles**

The committee asked that staff compile the current technology related City ordinances for review by the committee. This will be brought to a future meeting.

Motion by Rosek to adjourn the Technology Committee meeting; second by Persick. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Minutes taken by  
Laurie Sullivan, Director  
Finance & Admin Services