

Technology Committee Minutes

May 31, 2022

1. Ald. Karen Spiegelberg called the Technology Committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Jill Persick, Ron Powell, Ald. Aultman-Kloth, Andy Maroni and Ald. Spiegelberg

Members Absent: Peter Hoeft and Ald. Kowieski

Staff Present: Mayor Magnus, Gallo, Sullivan-Murray

2. Committee Business

- a. **Introduction of New Members**

Spiegelberg announced the two new members of the committee, Alder Aultman-Kloth and Andy Maroni, both of which gave a brief introduction.

- b. **Review Technology Mission Statement and Objectives**

Spiegelberg reviewed the Tech committee mission and objectives. No changes were recommended by the committee.

- c. **Update/Discussion on Communications' Companies Cell Installations, Locations, Upgrades, and Recent Applications**

City Planner, Jason Gallo gave a presentation to update the committee on the locations of all current cell installations and any recent applications.

There have been 2 application approvals per year for the last three years. These were all for upgrades to current sites.

- d. **Update/Discussion on Information/Transparency to the Public regarding all Locations of Cell Towers**

City Planner, Jason Gallo, reviewed the various methods of transparency and public information available to residents including:

1. All applications are sent to the Technology Committee, Mayor, City Administrator and Council to review and comment.
2. A condition of approval is the placement of Warning Signage on fencing and equipment shelters.
3. The City Tower inventory and all application materials are posted on the City Website.
4. An Annual Report is produced by the Planning Department that includes all current year tower approvals.

Gallo also noted that all requests for new tower installations require noticing of all adjacent property owners and a public hearing.

- e. **Update/Discussion on How Communities around the Country are Handling the Potential Harms coming from 5G Installations**

Persick shared several recommendations regarding 5G installations from municipalities around the country, including highlights from the 2020 New Hampshire Commission: Final Report to Study 5G recommendations. These recommendations included installing warning signs, requiring setbacks and additional signage on adjacent buildings.

In Wisconsin, Tower installations are allowed in all zoning districts.

The committee discussed contacting Atty. Andrew Caparelli for advice as to what this committee could do to encourage safety and transparency regarding 5G installations. Persick agreed to make first contact.

f. **Consider/act on Recommendation to Common Council to Update the Requirements for Cellular Tower Conditional Use Permits to include Annual Testing of Radio Frequency Emissions**

Persick suggested that the committee make a recommendation to Council to require annual radio frequency emission testing for all towers. Gallo reminded the group that State Statutes say that environmental testing or monitoring cannot be imposed on these towers. For that reason, the city ordinance cannot include this requirement.

g. **Discussion on Future of the Committee, Willingness of those on the Committee to Continue to Serve and Future Agenda Topics**

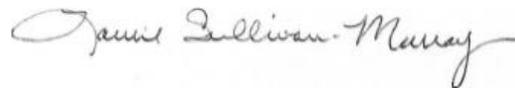
The committee agreed to meet Quarterly and to keep on top of legislation regarding new technology. Spiegelberg will send out more information to the members on future agenda items.

Future meeting dates: August 30th and November 29th

h. **Consider/recommend Amending Section 1.47(d) of the City of Oconomowoc Municipal Code regarding Meeting Frequency of the Technology Committee**

No action was taken at this time.

3. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Powell, 2nd by Persick at 7:36 p.m.



Laurie Sullivan-Murray, Finance Director
City of Oconomowoc