

**Minutes of the
Orono City Council Work Session
Monday, January 22, 2018
Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Walsh, Council Members Aaron Printup, Richard F. Crosby II, Victoria Seals and Wendy Dankey. Representing staff were Development Director Jeremy Barnhart, Police Chief Correy Farniok, Prosecuting Attorney Steve Tallen, and City Clerk Anna Carlson.

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

1. Short Term Rental Regulation

Community Development Director Jeremy Barnhart began the discussion by reviewing the potential drafts of the ordinances that would prohibit rental of residential property for periods less than 30 days.

Staff had developed two options for the council to review, Option A addresses requirements of the City Council discussed in November. Option B is the same as Option A, except the licensing requirement has been removed.

Of the two options, Barnhart mentioned that staff would advocate for Option B. He added that the main issues are still there in terms of the enforcement but would like to address those issues further through discussion.

Prosecuting Attorney Steve Tallen addressed some of his concerns regarding the proposed short term rental licensing ordinances. Tallen added that his main concern is that by making violation of the ordinance a criminal offense under City Code, as opposed to an administrative violation, that the City would be creating enforcement issues that would be very difficult to overcome.

Police Chief Correy Farniok discussed the process of enforcing violations. Farniok mentioned that it is not easy to enforce noise violations due to the difficulty of monitoring the duration and timing of the noise.

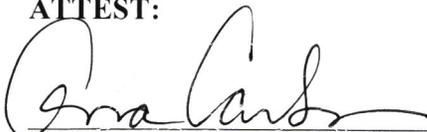
The group discussed the options and their views for regulating short term rental licensing. The group also collectively discussed the various options the city could do to control the issue.

Barnhart noted it might be appropriate to revisit the nuisance regulations.

Mayor Dennis Walsh directed staff to bring the two options forward at the next City Council meeting so the council could revisit the options and make a decision.

Meeting End Time: 6:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Anna Carlson, City Clerk



Dennis Walsh, Mayor