

Harlowton City Ordinance Committee Minutes  
November 27, 2018  
Harlowton City Hall  
6:00pm

Rob Elwood called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Ordinance Committee were approved as written.

Rob Elwood explained to the attendees that ordinances had been written to repeal certain sections of the city's codes. Ordinances were reviewed and numbered. Two typos were noted and corrected.

1-2018 repealed 1.04.030, 1.04.040, 1.04.050, 1.04.080, 1.04.090, 1.04.100

2-2018 repealed 1.12

3-2018 repealed 2.36 and 2.38

4-2018 repealed 3.08

5-2018 repealed 5.36

6-2018 repealed 10.42

7-2018 repealed 10.48

Susan Beley was concerned if repealing 1.04.050 there would be no way to impose penalties. Karen Hammel explained that chapter 1 is about how ordinances are procedurally passed which is covered by Montana statutes so there is no need for these particular sections in city code. Ordinance Committee will suggest to city council to repeal all above noted codes without further review and proceed with first reading of ordinances.

Chapter 8.09 regarding dog control was reviewed. Fines were discussed as to if they are per dog or per owner. Frank suggested per dog. Frank also would like more precise definitions of nuisance. He also would like to spell out how investigating the merit of a complaint is handled. More clarification within the codes defining how city staff can charge dog owners for licenses was discussed; particularly regarding if the dog owner is new to town or the dog being licensed recently reached age of first rabies vaccination (6 months). Penalties under section 8.09.100 are unclear and do not clarify each offense in the title. Discussion about if penalties should be equal for each offense listed were discussed.

No final action was taken on Chapter 8.09. Further review will continue at the next committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Committee Members Present: Rob Elwood, Frank Brouillette

Others Present:

City: Ian Reed, Kathie Newland, Jim Kalitowski, Ron Teig, Karen Hammel (6:04), Charley Bennett (6:25), Paul Otten (6:30), John Anderson (6:53),

Public: Susan Beley

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Rob Elwood, Committee Chair

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Kathie Newland, Clerk