

Harlowton City Ordinance Committee Minutes
December 11, 2018
Harlowton City Hall
6:00pm

Rob Elwood called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Minutes of the November 27, 2018 Ordinance Committee were approved as written.

Karen Hammel presented a handout on changes she has made so far to 8.04.030, 8.04.040, 8.09.030, 8.09.090, 8.09.100 as per the last ordinance committee meeting discussions. Fines for dog annoyance were discussed and proposed to be \$50 for first offense, \$100 second offense and \$300 third offense. Dangerous dog fines were proposed to be \$100 for first offense, \$200 for second offense and \$400 for third offense and offending dog to be destroyed. Karen suggested adding into 8.09.100 penalties for not getting kennel license to be \$50 per dog in the kennel plus obtaining the kennel license for \$50. Also to be included is a misdemeanor offense for not licensing in general with a fine of \$35.00 to \$100.00.

Discussion on reference to marshall and police force was discussed. Chief Law Enforcement Officer will be used to replace these references.

Kathie noted that 8.09.080 referencing unclaimed dogs should be changed to reflect what is happening. Currently dogs are impounded for up to 10 days not 3. Payment for these impound days when an animal is not claimed by an owner, are currently being paid through Callant Family Foundation Pet Program funds. Reference will be included to indicate if funding from this source is expended the city will only pay for 3 days of impounding costs.

Committee discussed 8.08 vaccination of dogs and cats. Ian indicated that Wheatland County is currently a “rabies county”. How would the city enforce vaccination of cats if we do not require licensing of cats was pondered. Rob Elwood proposed additional research be done on the cat vaccination/licensing issue.

Karen Hammel will have ready for the next ordinance committee meeting changes for code chapter 8.09. Committee will continue to discuss 8.08 vaccination of dogs and cats. If time allows committee will proceed to discussion of snow removal on city streets.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Committee Members Present: Rob Elwood, Frank Brouillette

Others Present:

City: Ian Reed, Kathie Newland, Karen Hammel, Paul Otten

Sheriff's Office: Randy Cameron

Rob Elwood, Committee Chair

Kathie Newland, Clerk