

Harlowton City Ordinance Committee Minutes  
February 12, 2019  
Harlowton City Hall  
6:00pm

Rob Elwood called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Minutes of the January 22, 2019 Ordinance Committee were approved as written.

Resident Susan Beley addressed the committee regarding burming snow on streets. She thinks the burming is a very good idea; however down the hill past the Graves Hotel makes it hard for traffic to see. She was wondering if something different could be done in that area. Ian took the comment under advice.

Rob Elwood asked if anyone had received comments regarding Ordinance 1-2019 control and regulation of dogs. Frank Brouillette responded he had received a few comments from law enforcement about the “stiffness” of the penalties. Resident Susan Beley informed the committee that law enforcement does not collect the fees and penalties. That is the responsibility of the city court (Susan Beley is currently the city court clerk). Ian reported that the comments he had heard were positive. Most people are appreciative and hopeful that something may finally be done about the dog issues in town. Kathie responded that similar comments had been received at city hall. Rob reported that he had also received comments about the penalties and explained to the residents that the intent was to make the penalties high to discourage repeat offenders.

Continued discussions regarding Title 10 – Vehicles and Traffic were held. Rob had done some measuring of streets to try to determine why some streets have angled parking versus parallel parking. Ian commented that most of Harlowton was platted out to have 60 foot easements for streets and 20 foot easements for ally ways. Section 10.08.010 will be rewritten to include all the areas that allow angle parking (Catholic Church, Graves, Hotel, Federated Church, etc.). Lines will be painted accordingly once the revised ordinances has been approved. Also to be changed in this section is the reference to parallel parking with 12 inches of curb. MCA covered parallel parking. Section 10.08.030 will remain as written. Section 10.08.040 will be removed as this is covered by Montana code. Section 10.08.050 will be removed as it is no longer applicable. Section 10.08.060 will be reviewed and moved to Chapter 10.46. Discussion regarding school zone speed limits ensued. Karen Hammel contends that MCA 61-8-310 would not apply to the state highway. Susan Beley thought that the city could alter the speed limit even if on the highway for a school zone. Karen will continue to research this. Section 10.08.070 that is currently in the municipal code book has been superseded by Ordinance 1-2010. Karen reviewed said ordinance and was confused by its intent and wording. Discussion regarding parking of truck trailers in commercial and residential areas ensued. Further review will continue on this section.

No further review took place.

Next ordinance committee meeting will be February 26, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall. Title 10 regarding traffic will continue to be discussed. Draft of ordinance to enact street snow removal enforcement will be presented.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Committee Members Present: Rob Elwood, Frank Brouillette

City: Ian Reed, Kathie Newland, Karen Hammel

Sheriff's Office:

Others Present: Susan Beley

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Rob Elwood, Committee Chair

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Kathie Newland, Clerk

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