

Harlowton City Ordinance Committee Minutes
April 9, 2019
Harlowton City Hall
6:00pm

Rob Elwood called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Minutes of the March 26, 2019 Ordinance Committee meeting were approved as written.

Sheriff Everett Misner asked if the city could have “mayor’s court” rather than everything going through Egebakken. Karen stated Egebakken is the city judge as well as the county judge so there would be no “mayor’s court”.

Rob and Frank asked Everett and Glen if they had an opinion on the penalties being set by the snow removal ordinance. As stated in the draft each offense would need to go before the judge. Glen commented that usually there is a first and second infraction fee set and then after that a court appearance would need to be scheduled.

Ian asked at what point could a vehicle be towed if it is not getting moved related to the snow removal ordinance. Everett suggested writing the specifics into the ordinance. Everett recommended that the fees for towing be at the owner’s expense. Rob suggested a three day limit after notice given to move vehicle before it is towed. Everett said either the city or the police could get the towing initiated. The towing company would be liable for the vehicle after impounding took place. Karen asked if the vehicle is not claimed once it has been towed and sold would the city receive the money from the sale that is above/beyond the cost of storage. Everett suggested that be put into the ordinance as well.

Rob recommended that each infraction of this ordinance has to go before the city judge rather than setting a penalty amount. There may be extenuating circumstances causing the owner of the vehicle to not comply with the request to move the vehicle that would be better adjudicated by the judge.

Karen Hammel will make the changes to Ordinance 2-2019 so the first reading can be done at the next Harlowton City Council meeting. There were no changes noted to Resolution 3-2019 regarding snow removal guidelines so that will also be presented to the city council at their next meeting.

The committee continued to reviewing Title 10 regarding traffic. Ordinance 1-2010 (which has not yet been codified) section “C” will be removed. 10.08.080 referring to U turns was discussed. Committee recommendation is to leave said section as is. U turn signs will be placed on Central Avenue between 3rd Street SE and 2nd St.

Karen Hammel will have the first draft of Ordinance 2-2019 prepared for council first reading by April 23, 2019; however, she will be out of town and not attend the next meeting. She will also

have a draft of the next ordinance regarding Title 10 – traffic changes made for the committee to review.

No further review took place.

Next ordinance committee meeting will be April 23, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Committee Members Present: Frank Brouillette, Rob Elwood

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

Sheriff's Office: Everett Misner, Glen Sweet

Others Present:

Rob Elwood, Committee Member

Kathie Newland, Clerk