Harlowton City Ordinance Committee Minutes

May 25, 2021

Harlowton City Library Conference Room

6:00PM

**Minutes:** Minutes from the May 11, 2021 Ordinance Committee meeting were approved as written.

**Public Comment:** None

**Updates on Previous Meeting Agenda Points:**

None.

**New Business:**

1) The Ordinance Committee discussion the separation of dog and cat ordinances. Jack Runner stated that it looked good with the cat portion removed. Allison Jones stated that on page 4 the “#” sign should be changed to a “$”. City Clerk-Treasurer gave a report of what the cost for chipping at local veterinarian clinics would cost. Jack stated that a chip reader costs $300.00. A discussion took place between Frank Brouillette and Jack regarding when chip readers would be necessary. Discussion took place regarding stray cats damaging property and how to handle this issue. Public Works Director Bob Schuchard stated that signs could be posted on City property and trapping could be done. Bob questioned where would the financing and man power come from? Lara brought up the question of what the definition of “feral” vs “pet” would be once someone starts feeding stray cats.
Allison suggested that an advertisement be put in the newspaper regarding getting opinions on the stray cat problem. Frank suggested a public meeting to discuss the issue.

Discussion took place regarding what is considered animal control and what is considered animal cruelty.

The Committee discussed grants for animal control temporary hiring, as well as options for the community to donate towards the cause.

Jack stated that the dog ordinance looked good but that if anything, the cat ordinance should include “strongly recommend chipping and vaccinating against rabies” so that if things get bad, the public will have been advised.

Survey methods for public feedback were discussed. Allison stated that she would create a survey for Lara to post on Facebook. Discussion took place as to the “when and where” of a public meeting for feedback.

2) Mayor Paul Otten stated that the ordinance committee needed to look into creating a floodplain ordinance. It will be discussed at the next meeting on June 8, 2021.

3) Jack stated that he had went through Chapter 10 of the Ordinances regarding Street parking and had “cut and pasted” sections. The Committee will review Jack’s document at the next meeting.

Items on the next Meeting’s agenda include:

Discussion of the creation of a Floodplain Ordinance
Continued discussion on dog/cat vaccinations/fines/licensing

Continued discussion on streets section of Ordinance book

Discussion of RV/car parking for extended periods of time on residential streets

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm

Committee Members present: Jack Runner, Allison Jones, Frank Brouillette

Committee Members absent: none

City: Paul Otten, Lara Brisco, Bob Schuchard

Sheriff’s Office: none

Public Present: City Fire Chief Kevin Knudson

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Frank Brouillette, Committee member Lara Brisco, City Clerk-Treasurer