

Harlowton City Ordinance Committee Minutes
January 8, 2019
Harlowton City Hall
6:00pm

Rob Elwood called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Ordinance Committee were approved as written.

Attorney Karen Hammel was ill so was not able to attend meeting and provide a draft for chapter 8.09 changes (regulation of dogs within city limits). Everett Misner commented that he thought the penalties noted in the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting were quite severe. Paul told him that the city wants to make the penalties a deterrent to people not observing the city's ordinances rather than a "slap on the hand". In the past many people just chose to pay the penalty and not change their behavior. Rob commented that he had also had a few comments from the public regarding the severity of the penalties but agrees with Paul on make the penalties a deterrent. Kathie clarified that the penalties are separated by dog annoyance, dog at large, unlicensed dogs, and dangerous dog fines.

The 2015 (current) snow removal guidelines were discussed. It was suggested to have an ordinance regarding snow removal to allow for penalties but the actual guidelines to be set by council resolution. Ian suggested some language changes and additions to include not placing privately plowed snow back out into the street, parking off the street to allow for efficient plowing, alleys will not be plowed except to maintain essential services, plowing on holidays only on an on-call basis, property owners are to expect snow berms at the end of driveway and it is not the city's responsibility to clean those out. Kathie will prepare a draft of the snow removal guidelines for Ian and Karen Hammel to review. Kathie will ask Karen to draft an ordinance for snow removal.

Next ordinance committee meeting will be January 22, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall. Title 10 regarding traffic will be discussed. Possible draft of ordinance to correct chapter 8.09 will be reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Committee Members Present: Rob Elwood, Frank Brouillette
Others Present:
City: Ian Reed, Kathie Newland, Paul Otten
Sheriff's Office: Randy Cameron, Everett Misner

Rob Elwood, Committee Chair

Kathie Newland, Clerk