Harlowton City Ordinance Committee Minutes

June 22, 2021

Harlowton City Library Conference Room

6:00PM

**Minutes:** Minutes from the June 8th Ordinance Committee meeting were approved as written.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Updates on Previous Meeting Agenda Points:** None

**New Business:**

1) City Attorney Karen Hammel discussed the original Floodplain Ordinance. The process of creating the ordinance began in 1919 and continued through 1981. Karen had recently been researching the history of the ordinance. There had been a revision in 1991-1992.

Committee member Jack Runner asked if the ordinance also pertained to the disaster mitigation but it was unknown if the ordinance included this. Karen also stated that Title 13 of the Ordinance book should be for the Floodplain Ordinance, but that currently Title 13 is being reserved for “Franchises”. Karen stated that the ordinance would need to be reviewed and changes might be necessary.

2) Community member Marilyn Fake was present to give her thoughts on the stray cat problem in town. Marilyn stated that her neighbor had recently died and he hoarded cats prior to his death. It had only gotten worse since his passing. Karen suggested that the committee ask for public comment. Jack stated that a survey had been put online with feedback from 65 residents.
Marilyn stated that to control the problem a little better at her house, she would start feeding her own cats in doors.

Karen stated that the ordinance should include a fine for those who are feeding stray cats.

Discussion took place regarding why people should not consider stray cats “pets”.

Community member Terry Steuben suggested some “cat sanctuaries” in other cities. Marilyn said she would reach out to the Missoula program and get back to the committee with the information she gets.

Karen stated that Title 8 needed to be codified and be used for City and Sheriff’s references.

3) Karen stated that the fire pit ordinance and Chief Joseph Park stay-limit ordinances would need to be published for 2 weeks in the newspaper.

4) A discussion took place regarding long term parking on residential streets.

Items on the next Meeting’s agenda include:

Continued discussion of the 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 6:50pm

Committee Members present: Jack Runner, Allison Jones,

Committee Members absent: Frank Brouillette

City: Paul Otten, Lara Brisco, Bob Schuchard, City Attorney Karen Hammel

Sheriff’s Office: none

Public Present: Marilyn Fake, Terry Steuben

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Jack Runner, Committee member Lara Brisco, City Clerk-Treasurer