Harlowton City Ordinance Committee Minutes

May 11, 2021

Harlowton City Library Conference Room

6:00PM

**Minutes:** Minutes from the April 27, 2021 Ordinance Committee meeting were approved as written.

**Public Comment:** None

**Updates on Previous Meeting Agenda Points:**

Committee member Jack Runner stated that the HB701 Bill regarding legalization of recreational Marijuana had some updates. The Bill had not yet been signed by the Governor but was set to go into effect in 10 days. Jack went over the document. He stated that there could be a special election for Counties to vote on whether or not they want dispensaries A discussion took place regarding Lewistown’s dispensaries. Discussion took place regarding whether or not Harlowton/ Wheatland County could prohibit the dispensaries from opening in the area. Committee chair Frank Brouillette stated that he would need a lot of his constituents to come to him in order to press for a special election. Mayor Paul Otten stated that it could take up to 5 years for the County/City to see any of the revenue from allowing the dispensaries to open.

**New Business:**

1) A final review of the Fire Pit Ordinance took place before it was to be presented to the Council. Jack stated that page 2, Section III was changed from 25mph to 15mph.

2) A continued discussion took place regarding the current dog/cat ordinances. Jack stated that the dog/cat ordinances should be separated. Paul stated that it was impossible to force people to license their cat. Jack suggested micro chipping them. Discussion took place regarding the cost to do so. Under Sheriff Randy Cameron stated that he would not be catching the cats. Discussion took place regarding live trapping cats. Frank suggested keeping the revised ordinances simple and changing them as necessary over time. It was agreed that the dog and cat ordinances should be separated.

3) A review of the “Street” section of the Ordinance book took place. Discussion took place regarding how applicable this section would be to the City. The City already has ordinances in place for many of the topics. Public Works Director Bob Schuchard stated that because the City currently doesn’t have zoning, driveway size and curbs could not be regulated. Section 1, “Definitions”, was accepted as written as well as Section 2, “General”. The Committee will go over Section 3 at the next meeting.

Items on the next Meeting’s agenda include:
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 6:55pm

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

Committee Members absent: none

City: Paul Otten, Lara Brisco, Bob Schuchard

Sheriff’s Office: Randy Cameron

Public Present: City Fire Chief Kevin Knudson

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