

Mayor: Sam Keller
SSD: Tom Braun
Law Director: Kim Erdman Rohr
Public Works Superintendent: Brent Craig
All of Council

10/25/18

A meeting of Laws, Rules and Ordinances was held on Oct. 23 in City Hall at 7:35 immediately following the Internal Affairs Com. meeting.

In attendance: Public Works Superintendent: Brent Craig, Law Director: Kim Erdman Rohr,
Council members: Gail Griffin, Dave Voss, Amy Richter
Committee Members: Jim Sunderhaus and Chair, Kitty Zech Resident: Debbie Slaughter

UNDER DISCUSSION:

A. Administration's request to amend Method of Serving Notices in Ord. 131.05 – Tall Grass Ord., Ord. 131.06 – Vegetation in Right of Way – Property Maintenance Code 107.3 – Method of Service.

The written requests and suggestions furnished by the Administration were reviewed and all agreed that our current ordinance requiring notices be served by Certified Mail, is not efficient and outdated causing long delays in correcting violations and therefore negatively affecting our City. Research shows that other comparable cities have amended their ordinances in a similar fashion.

The committee favors amending the above mentioned ordinances to reflect the following changes:

Rather than Certified Mail, all Notices will now be deemed properly served by one of the following methods:

1. Delivered personally OR:
2. Sent by first class mail to the last known address.

In addition to whichever of the two above methods are used, a notice will also be placed in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice. (see suggested amended ordinances from Administration.)

Re: Question as to what can be done about cluttered porches: It was agreed that we cannot legislate taste, or how people "decorate". The Public Works Superintendent, advised cluttered porches are usually cited as rubbish violations. The Law Director is looking into what would constitute minimal appeal times for violations, especially those addressing removal of rubbish, since cleaning up rubbish and debris does not require as much time as most repair issues. The committee will meet again once her findings are in, to make a formal recommendation. (The SSD has since requested that Sidewalk Violations be amended as well, to reflect these changes. This will be discussed at our next meeting.)

B. The committee also discussed a Request to consider an Ord. to Limit the Number of Garage Sales per year per residence.

More research will be needed on this before the committee can make a recommendation on this matter.

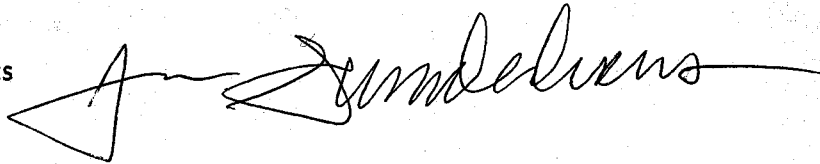
Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted:

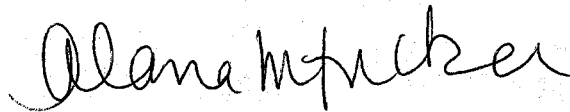
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Kitty Zech (Chair)

Jim Sunderhaus

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