

Street and Alley Committee Meeting

Minutes

June 8th, 2020

5:30PM

Present: Tami Christensen, Janet Sergent, Bryan Gartner

Absent: None

Visitors:

Mayor Norby, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, PWD Hintz, Chief Kraft, Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen

- 1. Ordinance #581-Updating City Code for Idling Vehicles:** The Street and Alley Committee reviewed Ordinance 581, originally presented to them at the January 13th, 2020 Street and Alley Committee meeting. Alderman Gartner asked if this included all diesel vehicles, and Mayor Norby stated it does. Mayor Norby also stated that the entire town depends on diesel and he has issues because of how many residential districts are right next to commercial districts. Alderwoman Christensen stated she does not agree with this ordinance. Alderman Gartner made a motion to recommend tabling Ordinance 581, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- 2. Update City Code 9-9-17 and 10-2-13-Parking:** City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated this was originally presented to the Street and Alley Committee at the January 13th, 2020 Street and Alley Committee meeting. She stated this is to bring the City Code in line with State Code for parking. Chief Kraft stated this is a house keeping issue that will make it easier for enforcement. Motion was made to recommend approval to move forward with updating City Code 9-9-17 and 10-2-13 by Alderwoman Sergent, and Alderman Gartner seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- 3. Angled Parking on 2nd and 3rd Streets off Central Avenue:** Alderwoman Christensen stated she believes 3rd Street is better than 2nd, as it is wider, and the focus should start with 2nd. PWD Hintz stated he would recommend doing the north side angled and the south side parallel to keep in line with the parking on the west side of Central. He stated the public works department would need to either stripe the new spots, put signs up, or both. Chief Kraft stated he would recommend stripping the spots. City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated there are other parts of town that should be looked at once this area has been taken care of. Alderwoman Christensen stated she agreed and recommended that we start with one block of Central Avenue on 2nd Street. Alderman Sergent made a motion to recommend changing one block from Central Avenue on 2nd street to angle parking on the north side and parallel parking on the south side with the south side striped. Alderman Gartner seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- 4. Fireworks:** Alderwoman Christensen stated she recommends cutting the timeframe people can sell and discharge fireworks to 5 days instead of 10 for the 4th of July, knowing nothing would be in effect for the 2020 4th of July celebrations. City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she would like to do 2 petitions at City Hall, 1 for no change and another for cutting back the days to gauge public opinion. She stated she has received a petition to keep the laws the same already, and it has 31 signatures. Alderwoman Christensen stated she thinks this is a good idea and it should be kept up for people to sign until August. Chief Kraft stated he would like the time of day they can be lit of. He stated current code states they cannot be lit off from 10pm until 9am any day. He stated

that with it not getting dark until 10pm, this is hard to enforce, especially on the actual holiday, and would like to see it moved to midnight. City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin suggested that the petitions then be:

1. No change to current laws for selling and discharging of Fireworks (June 24th to July 5th) with the change that fireworks can be discharged on weekends and the Holiday until midnight (currently 10pm).
2. To change the current laws for selling and discharging of fireworks (June 24th to July 5th) to July 1st to July 5th and that fireworks can be discharged on weekends and the Holiday until midnight (currently 10pm).

Alderman Sergent made a motion to recommend approval of posting the above 2 petitions at City Hall through August, with the Street and Alley Committee meeting again then to review. Alderman Gartner seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, all present voted aye.

City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated that with reviewing the fireworks city code, the solicitors license code should also be reviewed. She stated there are several issues including locals not having to have one, out of County stand owners using local workers to avoid getting one, fee schedule. FM/BI Rasmussen agreed along with Chief Kraft. Alderman Sergent made a motion to recommend that City Staff get together and create a proposal for the changes needed and to bring it back to the Street and Alley Committee in August with the petition. Alderman Gartner seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, all present voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Jessica Chamberlin, City Clerk

Tami Christensen, Committee Chair