

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting November 21, 2017**

The Public Safety Committee met Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee Chairperson Ken Gardner and Committee Members John Uden and Jeff Erlenbusch. Committee Member Brant Kassner was excused.

Also present were: City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce

Chairperson Gardner called the meeting to order.

### **1. Request of Citizens**

None

### **2. Committee Member Comments**

Chairperson Gardner said he would like to discuss the Ordinance on noxious weeds. The committee would not be able to vote on anything since it was not on the agenda. The following items were discussed:

- The Ordinance is modeled after Glendive's and is very effective there
- Section 15-5, "unsightly appearance", should it be changed to public nuisance. After a long conversation the census was to keep it as is. Committee Member Uden noted that the Ordinance covers weeds and grass only. It does not cover any buildings, vehicles, or other items that are considered unsightly
- Chairperson Gardner and Committee Member Erlenbusch had talked to Code Enforcer Winkley about taking on additional duties. Enforcer Winkley explained that he was already sending registered letters for other nuisance problems, and did not feel that it would add a lot to his plate. He said that he uses the Cadastral to find most of his information. Clerk Pearce said she talked to Attorney Rice and he said that the Ordinance could be changed to Cadastral records, but explained the Cadastral records are not always current and a title report is the best method. She called the title company and was given an approximate price of \$200
- Change "city employees" in Section 15-14 (a) to Public Works Director. Change "city personnel" in Section 15-14 (i) to Office of City Clerk. Add the "Office" after city clerk in Section 15-14 (j). Change "city personnel" in Section 15-14 (l) to Office of Public Works. Change "city personnel" in Section 15-14 (m) to Office of City Clerk. Change "city personnel" in Section 15-14 (p) to Office of City Clerk
- All members were concerned as to how the City would pay for the enforcement and what fund the money would come out of. The census was to pay for the enforcement out of the parks fund. Since the enforcement will be in the parks busiest season, it was suggested to contract out the weed trimming and mowing. Clerk Pearce said that it looked like the process would take around 100 days and cost would be approximately \$380 per enforcement, which does not include the cost of cleanup and disposal if needed. Chairperson Gardner said it would be

paid back to the City through a special assessment on their taxes. If the assessment was not paid within three (3) years the City could put a lien against the property

Chairperson Gardner said there were a couple of items that need to be addressed at the next meeting.

1. Resident complaint on parking of vehicles in the Garfield School area
2. Establish an Ordinance on cell phones

**3. Review and make recommendation on Ordinance 1317- An Ordinance Revising Zoning Code Sections 24-90, 24-91 and Article V (Definitions), so as to Call for Review of Conditional Use Permits by City Council**

Chairperson Gardner pulled the Ordinance from the agenda, explaining the Ordinance was not supposed to be on the agenda.

**4. Adjournment**

**\*\*** *Committee Member Erlenbusch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Uden and **passed** unanimously, 3-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Ken Gardner, Chairperson

  
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Lorrie Pearce, Recorder