

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**July 31, 2018**

The Public Service Committee met Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Conference Room, 17 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Miles City, Montana.

Present were Committee Members: Dwayne Andrews, Ken Gardner, Kathy Wilcox and Chairperson John Uden and Minute Recorder Ally Capps.

Committee Chair Uden called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

1. **Request of Citizens/Public Comment**  
-None-
2. **Committee Member Comments**  
-None-
3. **Unfinished Business**  
-None-
4. **New Business**

**Review and make recommendations for installing a “No Parking Private Drive”, sign for private residence at 1014 Milwaukee Drive across from Garfield School.**

Citizen Dennis Hafla 1014 Milwaukee, gave history on his experiences when Garfield School is in session. Parents dropping and picking up children have been disrespectful and unconcerned about parking and blocking the drive of their home. Asking politely to those parked in his drive, a parent has told him, she is just picking up her child and left her car in the driveway and walked away. He has one car pull out only to have another car take its place and double parking in front of the drive at peak hours is a problem. Citizen Hafla feels his relationship with the police department is strained and has not had the support from the officers as he had in the past with his parking issues. He asked the committee to have the City install a, “No Parking – Private Drive” at his residence to avoid having this school session cause the same issues as in the past.

Committee Member Gardner explained in the past the City did post a private drive sign close to school, but in that case, both of the people using the driveway were disabled.

Citizen Hafla, mentioned he has put cones out in front of his driveway in the past and that did deter parking in the driveway plus the neighbor’s driveway. A person ran over the cones and parked in the driveway, so he asked the Miles City Police Department to reimburse the cost of the cones and Police Department did not do so.

He did not feel that this was his responsibility to place cones in the driveway every morning and afternoon. Committee Member Gardner explained that the City has a new Code Enforcement Officer and maybe this school year would be

an improvement over the last few years with an extra officer on shift during school hours.

Committee Member Uden promised Mr. Hafla that he would personally talk to Police Chief Colombik so he would be aware of the trouble Mr. Hafla was having and could help come up with a solution for this school season.

Citizen Hafla responded that he was very familiar with Officer Mark Winkley and has complained to him in the past of noxious weeds on Garland and went on to explain other address that he has also reported to Officer Winkley.

Committee Member Andrews commented that this is a seasonal problem and only during certain times of the day. If the cones have worked in the past and were successful then Mr. Hafla should continue with what has worked.

Committee Member Wilcox explained she also lives by a school and it gets busy in the morning and especially busy during the end of the school day. The parking problem is citywide and needs to be addressed by the City Planning Board.

Citizen Hafla said what gave him the idea was a residence by Washington School has a “No Parking – Private Drive” sign and that seems to be working for him.

Committee Member Uden commented that you are allowed to post a sign that states “No Parking – Private Drive”, at your residence. It would be easier for the police to enforce, because the person parked in the driveway now had parked in a spot that is noticed as “private”.

Committee Member Andrews recommended that Mr. Hafla get a post and put up a sign stating “No Parking – Private Drive” if he feels that will work. Mr. Hafla stated he did not have the necessary tools to put up the sign.

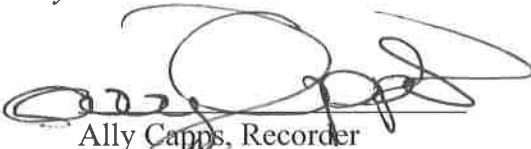
*\*\*Committee Member Uden made a motion to recommend to Council to approve adding the “No Parking – Private Drive” on the 1014 Milwaukee Avenue residence.*

*\*\* Hearing no second, Council Member Uden asked again for a second, hearing none the motion failed.*

## 5. Adjournment

*\*\*Committee Member Wilcox moved to adjourn, seconded by Committee Member Uden, motion **passed** unanimously.*

  
John Uden, Committee Chair

  
Ally Capps, Recorder