

## **POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Cindy Corley at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Cindy Corley and John Sonsalla. Absent was: Bev Anderson. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Don Osterday, Bill McDaniel, Bob Salmi, Peg North, Jason King and Phil Risseuw.

Motion by Sonsalla second by Corley that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Corley second by Sonsalla to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning proposed changes to Chapter 7, Traffic Code of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington concerning several proposed changes in street signs from yield signs to stop signs. A copy of a proposed resolution from October, 2008 was included in the agenda packet for reference. Chief King explained the sign changes included in the proposed resolution were approved by the Street Committee last fall. Steve Pickett and Bev Anderson arrived at the meeting at 6:40 PM.

The resolution contained eleven proposed changes in signs. Each item was reviewed and discussed at this meeting. Several changes to the resolution were made at this meeting. Discussion was then held concerning where funds would come from to pay for the new signs. Bob Salmi explained he has \$2,500.00 left in his sign budget that he was going to use to create a street sign database. However those funds could be used for this purpose, at the Council's direction. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to instruct Attorney McDaniel to prepare a new resolution for review and consideration at the next meeting of this committee; which was then scheduled for prior to the City Council meeting on September 1, 2009. Doug Lindstrom arrived at the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed changes to Chapter 13, Public Nuisances, of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington related to building conditions and yard maintenance. Yard maintenance was discussed first. Doug Lindstrom and Jason King explained the present procedure for mowing unattended yards. According to present ordinance, enforcement action takes place when the lawn height exceeds twelve inches. After proper notice, the lawn is then mowed, and the cost of mowing is added to the real estate tax bill, if the bill isn't paid prior to that. It was the consensus of those present the yard maintenance ordinance was acceptable as is.

Discussion was then held concerning the exterior building conditions of some properties in the City. Several examples of deteriorating buildings within the City limits were given by those present. After discussion and consideration, Attorney McDaniel was instructed to draft a new ordinance regarding maintenance of buildings for review at the next meeting of this committee.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed changes to Chapter 7, Traffic Code, of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington regarding snow removal and related ordinances. Bob Salmi explained he asked for this agenda item because he wants to see changes made to this ordinance. Bob then distributed a handout to those present regarding winter parking. The handout listed problems Bob sees in the present ordinance, and recommended changes. Bob feels parking fines should be increased immediately, and eventually Bob would like to see alternate side parking be eliminated completely; with no on street parking allowed during the winter months. No action was taken concerning this proposal to allow time for committee members to consider this proposal.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer