

## **POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Cindy Corley at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Cindy Corley, Bev Anderson and John Sonsalla. Absent: None. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Bob Salmi, Tony and Shari Ruesga, Bill McDaniel, Jason King and Phil Risseuw.

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

Under unfinished 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 the Official Traffic Map. This item concerns the proposed changes in several street signs from yield signs to stop signs. A copy of a Resolution to Amend Official Traffic Map of the City of Darlington was included in the agenda packet. The resolution lists ten street intersections in the city limits where street signs will be changed. These proposed changes were discussed at the previous meeting of this committee. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to recommend to the Council the approval of the proposed resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning proposed changes to Chapter 13, Public Nuisances of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington related to building condition. This matter was discussed at the previous meeting of this committee. At that meeting, Attorney McDaniel was instructed to find sample ordinances from other communities for review by this committee. Attorney McDaniel found sample ordinances from the City of Muskego and City of Deerfield. Copies of these sample ordinances were included in the agenda packet for this meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning the sample ordinances, and how they could be adapted for use by the City of Darlington. Ordinance enforcement was then discussed; and how our present ordinances are weak in this area. Also discussed was the affordability of some of the building repairs the property owner would be required to make. Chief King reported he has scheduled a roundtable discussion with several City residents to discuss this matter. It was suggested to consider this matter further, after the roundtable meeting is held, and a list of citizen concerns is prepared.

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. This matter was also discussed at the previous committee meeting. Bob Salmi reported at the previous meeting that he would like to eliminate alternate side parking within two years, and require all city residents to find off street parking for their vehicles during the winter months.

Tony and Shari Ruesga attended the meeting to speak against this idea. Tony stated he didn't think it was realistic to ask all City property owners to park their vehicles somewhere on their property; some property owners just don't have enough room. Tony also felt a better job could be done with snow removal by the public works crew. Bob Salmi stated he felt a better job could be done by the Police Department on enforcement of the alternate side parking ordinance. Several other objections were raised concerning Bob's proposal to eliminate alternate side parking. After discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of those present to retain alternate side parking during the winter months as presently included in City ordinances.

Discussion was then held concerning the possibility of increasing the fine for violation of the alternate side parking ordinance. At present the fine is \$5.00 for the first offense and \$10.00 for each subsequent offense. It was suggested the fine be increased to \$10.00 for the first offense and \$20.00 for each subsequent offense. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to approve the increase in fines for violation of the alternate side parking ordinance as from \$5.00 to \$10.00, and \$10.00 to \$20.00 as discussed. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer