

Minutes of Public Safety Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 5, 2017

Public Safety Committee Members Present: Alex Brucker, Mary Ellen Kilpatrick

Absent: Chuck Burton

Other Attendees: Interim Chief Duncan, Lt. Clark, Officer Troyer, Jack Hickok

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brucker at 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Ordinances concerning trash, junk cars, accumulations of scrap, abandoned houses, weeds, etc. and how to properly address and enforce those issues.

The officers presented the concern that there isn't a procedure for them to follow when residents don't take care of removal of trash, junk cars, etc. and also don't pay the ticket they have been issued. The committee feels there needs to be a policy for the fee schedule for these offenses as well as steps to take if the offense is not cleared and/or the ticket is not paid. Discussion took place regarding a letter from the city council attorney being sent to residents that do not comply and if compliance does not happen after receipt of the attorney letter, that the case should be filed in civil court. Concern was also discussed regarding the Elms and a house on Sycamore that have excessive numbers of skunks, raccoons, cats, etc.

Recommendations were made for Ordinances that need to be developed:

1. Trailers (pull behind i.e. boat, semi, RV, utility, hayracks, etc.)
2. Noise (there was an ordinance prior to completion of the new ordinance manual)
3. Signs (including billboards, garage sale signs, political signs, etc.)
4. A Civil Ordinance for cannabis under 10 grams

It was also recommended that the city dog tag ordinance needs to tie in with the county rabies tag to increase compliance with both ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Ellen Kilpatrick
Committee Member