

Minutes of the meeting of the Buffalo Ordinance Committee held on January 18, 2017 Meeting called to chair by Sally Rodriguez, at 3:10 pm. Present Committee member Olin Meador, Police Chief TJ Behning, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Public Input

Committee heard from a member of the public and a submitted letter relating to the requirements of sidewalk. Public explained that they were opposed to the requirements of sidewalks because of the cost and the need to maintain them.

Sidewalk Regulations

Committee discussed the current code requirements for sidewalks and compared them with other communities. Suggestions were made to remove some older terms and combine other sections to make the code easier to read.

It was discussed about requiring sidewalks on the main thoroughfares around town, especially routes to school. Committee discussed financing and possibly contacting homeowners /business owners that this would directly affect.

Bad Dog Ordinance

Committee discussed the current Animal control ordinance policies. The committee contemplated removing the licensing requirement because most homeowners do not have their pets registered. Police Chief recommended not removing the requirement as it can be used as a tool for requiring proof of vaccination. Discussions also covered amending the code to deny specific breeds to be owned by residents and requiring owners to be held more accountable for code violations.

Rodriguez and TJ would review the ordinance amendments and bring information back to the committee.

Future Ordinance updates

Meador asked the committee about the chicken ordinance. Currently chickens are not allowed in Buffalo and several complaints had been placed about people having chickens. Meador explained that other cities are currently in the process of allowing them and wondered if it is something they should check into.

Clerk brought to the attention that although the meeting was out of time the committee packet also included two other proposed ordinance amendments. Including one for the Fire Department and one to request an application fee for plat reviews.

Finance overview fund balances

Clerk explained that there was some paperwork in the packet that she would like to discuss at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35

Minutes submitted by Tanna Leonard, City Clerk