

Finance Ordinance Committee Meeting minutes of August 28, 2023.

Meeting called to order by Mary Moore at 6:00pm, present Joe Buffington, Public Works Josh Ferkel, Mayor Sally Rodriguez, resident Dan Mullanack, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Public Input was requested by Bonnie Wingate to discuss the committee reviewing the firework ordinance. Judy Hammons also added input requesting the reduction of days that fireworks are allowed. The Committee would recommend to council to reduce the days allowed for fireworks to 3rd & 4th of July.

Members discussed the option of adding barndominium regulations to the code. Attorney William McCullough provided a memorandum regarding the construction of barndominiums and made the following comments:

- Metal kit sheds aka Pole Barns are not a part of the Building Code and therefore they should have plans which are stamped and certified by an engineer to insure structural integrity. This means that a home Building Engineer must stamp the plans certifying that this structure would comply with all codes if built.
- These types of homes being built must have building specifications that are fully compliant with the RIC- Residential International Code and the current Energy codes. (especially the electrical code for “slab” foundations.
- Per Scott County regulations, this type of home must have at minimum, 600 square feet of living space to be compliant.

Committee discussed what other communities are doing for barndominiums and it was recommended that an ordinance be drafted to allow barndominiums as long as the bullets above from William McCullough were addressed except that there be 1100 square feet of living space to be compliant with current two-family size requirements.

There was discussion on the difference between pole buildings and barndominiums. Ferkel discussed that previously the building inspector was following a code section that requires a maximum sidewall for accessory buildings, and those that were requesting to build to additional height pole buildings were required to obtain a variance. He requested to amend the language to be black and white and specifically address pole buildings and requirements, and not require a variance for their construction. The committee will discuss this amendment with the council at the next regular meeting.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Buffington to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm.