

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reams at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Reams, Dan Fogt, Tracy Richardson

OTHERS PRESENT: Floyd Golden, Tim Aslaner, Terry Emery

REPORTERS PRESENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There being no additions or corrections, the minutes for the meeting on March 10, 2014 were approved as written.

AGENDA:

Blocking of Public Sidewalks in Private Driveways: Mr. Reams asked what can be done about this? He stated there are problems. Mr. Emery stated that it is good to walk some of these neighborhoods and see the problems. When walking the 2.5 miles through Mill Valley, there were about two vehicles in their driveway parked on a sidewalk.

Mr. Aslaner said that a car that is lawfully parked in a driveway that overhangs and blocks a sidewalk is not in violation according to our current code. Is it a driveway or a sidewalk? Do we want to change the code to make that kind of conduct prohibited? We probably could but it would be hard to enforce.

Chief Golden stated he has talked about this with Mr. Emery, and a couple ideas were to change the ordinance or more community education. Chief Golden thinks that we should try community education first.

Mr. Reams stated that even if we re-write the code, wouldn't that be the same thing as community education. He thinks that we need to re-write the code and then we will have that for the people who refuse to act.

Chief Golden stated that we could give warnings before ticketing people. They would have a lot of people calling in for people parking on driveways.

Mr. Emery stated how do we enforce this, do we just enforce it on people who are called in on or do we enforce it only when officers are driving around.

Mr. Reams agrees that we should do community education first, put in the newspapers, facebook, and post pictures showing.

Mrs. Richardson stated that one resident stated to her that if snow on the sidewalks presents a safety hazard then what about cars parked across sidewalks forcing school kids and everyone else into the street also presents a safety hazard? Her conclusion would be to start with voluntary compliance, let's try to get people to understand the scope. There will be people complaining about this being a nuisance. She thinks newspapers, public awareness, and facebook. She thinks people like it better than new legislation.

Mr. Aslaner stated that its just asking people to be considerate to watch where they are parking.

Mr. Emery stated that we will go ahead and get this started. We will have Code Enforcement take some pictures for us.

Mr. Reams stated that we will put this back on the agenda for the next meeting and see what the progress is. We'll try community education first before we change our code.

Chapter 559, Use of All-Purpose Vehicles, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marysville: Mr. Fogt brought this up because he had a phone call. He has spoken with Chief Golden. There is a resident in Green Pastures that has a child with disabilities. He has a 4 wheel 90cc ATV, that he puts the child on in front of him, he just had fun riding down the road. According to this Ordinance, that is illegal. It has to be 100 feet away from any sidewalk and 25 feet away from adjoining property line.

Mr. Fogt stated he did not see in this ordinance, where you have permission to ride your riding lawnmower in your yard. Mr. Reams and Chief Golden stated that was excluded in the definition of what is prohibited.

Mr. Reams asked if you have to have a tag to drive a golf cart on the street? Chief Golden said yes, and you have to have it inspected with the Sheriff's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.