

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

July 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Groat at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Groat, Mark Reams. Alan Seymour.

OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Emery, Tim Aslaner, Zach Andrews, Ron Todd, Mike Andrako.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on June 27, 2016 were approved as amended.

AGENDA:

Comments from Citizens:

Update on the Amendment to the TOC Zoning District Discussion: (1320.01-1320.10-Vacant properties) Mr. Andrews talked about what is currently in place, which is limited to abandoned properties. He handed out to the committee members proposed changes. The changes asked the property owners what they plan to do with the property. Mr. Andrews said that we need to be able to register the homes. The City mows the vacant/abandoned homes and it is assessed to their taxes. Mrs. Groat asked if the plaza where Kroger is located has any plans of what they are going to do after Kroger leaves. Mr. Andrews was not aware of any plans. He said banks are starting to sell their homes a lot faster with the stricter requirements. Mr. Reams expressed that he liked the different registration for commercial properties and residential properties. Mr. Reams inquired why we did not choose to do that. Mr. Aslaner stated that he intervened. The costs are to cover costs lost by the City when they have to upkeep the property. Mr. Reams asked about the car wash at Maple near Community Markets, does it qualify for a vacant property. Mr. Andrews stated that if there is no activity and the utilities are not turned on.

Mrs. Groat requested, that if they fix the changes any, make it so the committee can tell which what was added. They agreed to bring it to Council as presented. Mrs. Groat stated this was a definite improvement, and if in two to three years we can come back and review it again.

Discuss the Amendment to Section 925.05, Wastewater: Mr. Andrako stated this is more of a clarification, if anything. We offer a summer sewer credit for those residents that do not have secondary meters. Secondary meters are a way to measure the water that is used outside. If you do not have a secondary meter, we use a summer sewer credit. The credit is determined by combining your two winter high amounts that provides the cap for the summer sanitary usage. Mr. Andrako stated we now have people who want to utilize both the summer sewer credit and the secondary meter. He said we want to fix the code to state if you have a secondary meter then the summer sewer credit is not applicable to your account. Mr. Reams suggested that we need to do this in policy now, and go back and fix the code as well.

Mr. Reams moved accept the language and send it to Council. The committee voted in favor.

Discuss Chapter 1303: Tabled until August 22, 2016 meeting.

Discuss Chapter 1305: Tabled until August 22, 2016 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m.