

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

February 16, 2012

MEMBERS

Chairman Jones
Alderman Vota
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Lawrence
Mayor Brotherton

Also Present

Alderman Heberling
Alderman Walters
Alderman Koonce
Cindy Dey

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Site Plans

Mayor Brotherton asked the Committee members to consider possible ways to address issues with the City's current Site Plan Ordinance. He stated that the City will soon have invested over 10 million dollars in an effort to repair and upgrade its storm sewer drainage system. The Mayor explained that this is the primary reason that a greater emphasis has been put on the importance of completing a site plan for new construction on commercial property within the City. He also pointed out that site plans need to be utilized to help prevent potential drainage problems from occurring in the future and he is concerned that the current site plan ordinance did not appear to leave any flexibility regarding when a site plan was required or how intensive the plan needed to be. Alderman Burtle agreed stating that even if a property owner was only constructing a small garage a site plan costing thousands of dollars would be required. Alderman Walters stated that after reviewing the City ordinances regarding site plans he felt that there was definitely a need to update and clarify them by eliminating repetitious material that only confused the issue. It was suggested that the site plan ordinances of other municipalities like Effingham and Litchfield be reviewed for ideas. Alderman Walters agreed that this was a good idea but cautioned Committee members to be careful not to jump to the conclusion that what serves the purpose for those communities automatically is suitable here as well. The issue will be placed on a future Committee Meeting for additional discussion.

Broadus Road - No Stopping on Pavement Sign

The Committee discussed the hazard of vehicles stopping on Broadus Road to look at the animals in the petting zoo instead of pulling off onto the parking area provided by Mr. Broadus.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance placing four (4) "No Stopping on Pavement Signs" as follows: two (2) signs on the east side of 1075 E. Road (Broadus Road) 1225 feet North of Langleyville Road and 1525 feet North of Langleyville Road; and two (2) signs on the west side of 1075 E. Road (Broadus Road) 1225 feet North of Langleyville Road and 1525 feet North of Langleyville Road. Motion carried 4-0.

HBO Updates

The Committee reviewed the Health and Building Officer's Report pertaining to various property cleanups and violations.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn.
Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Bruce Jones, Chairman
Ordinance Committee