

## ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 2014

### MEMBERS

Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Budd  
Alderman Vota  
Mayor Brotherton

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Jones

### ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer Nation  
Chief Herpstreith  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Koonce  
Mike Kennedy  
Shirley Sams

Acting Chairman Vota called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

### Stockpiling of Dirt

The Committee discussed the stockpiling of dirt within the City Limits and the need to add to the City Code a time frame for storing of the dirt. Health and Building Officer George Calvert presented the Committee with options taken from the Municipal Codes of three Municipalities in Illinois, Highland, Braidwood and Chicago Ridge, but advised he didn't know if they were home-rule communities or not. He advised with the weather the resident hasn't had an opportunity to get the dirt moved but he will continue to monitor the situation; noting the dirt is contained and is not running on the neighbors.

The Mayor is in favor of placing a time frame on the stockpiling but advised the City has to navigate towards a happy medium. The Committee discussed different situations such as a person building a new home has to be allowed more time to get things put back together as opposed to someone that has dirt brought in. If they have dirt brought in they should have it cleaned up in a 30, 60 or 90 day time-frame.

After discussion the Committee directed HBO Officer George Calvert to prepare an amendment to the current ordinance and discuss with the City Attorney. This will be an agenda item next month.

### Noise Control and Sound Amplification Systems Ordinance

Police Chief Herpstreith informed the Committee that he reviewed the proposed Ordinance prepared by City Attorney pertaining to loud noise. He is not ready to finalize this as he has questions on how the officers are going to enforce some of the issues outlined in the Ordinance. For example under 4-6-1 it states: "it shall be the policy of the City to discourage, reduce and, where reasonably feasible, require the mitigation of any noise...." What's reasonably feasible to one person may not be to another. Alderman Walters also pointed out that there are discrepancies in the time frames, as some noises are allowed up to 9:00 P.M and some are 10:00 P.M. Police Chief Herpstreith was asked to review and make his recommendations to the Ordinance and bring back to the Committee next month before a final draft is forwarded to the City Attorney. Chief Herpstreith advised 99% of the time the officers follow the rules of the State Statute rather than the City's regulations for noise of motor vehicles.

### Parking Of Semi-Tractor Trailers in Downtown Historical District

The Committee discussed no parking of semi-tractor trailer trucks in the twenty-three block area of the Downtown Historical District. The Mayor will discuss this with the City Attorney and bring back next month.

### HBO Updates

HBO Officer George Calvert gave a report and updated the Committee of property violations and cleanups; he has sent letters to several property owners for cleanup. He advised he is still in the process of trying to get two houses torn down. Steve Henry owner of H&R Block on West Spesser bought the property at 927 W. Park Blvd, which is directly behind his property. He had the house torn down and has asked for a Special Use for a parking lot on the property. This will come before the Council and Plan Commission on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Burtle to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

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Martin Vota, Acting Chairman  
Ordinance Committee