

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

May 15, 2019

MEMBERS

Chairman Bryant
Alderman Budd
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Burtle
Mayor Barry

ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Driskell HBO Calvert
Alderman Olive See attached list
Alderman Dorchinecz
Clerk Lilly
Owen Lasswell

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

Morton Street to Yield to Vine

The Committee noted that this had been discussed in previous meetings and there was some confusion as to whether this Ordinance had been created or just discussed at the Committee level. They did feel it was necessary to move forward with the placement of this Yield Sign.

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to amend the City Code to place a Yield Sign on Morton Street to Vine Street. The motion carried (4-0).

“No Parking” Ordinance

Chairman Bryant noted that Ordinance No. 3892 was recently passed through the City Council to prohibit parking on the South side of the 400 block of West Poplar Street. It was initiated at the request of Mr. Pat Kretzer who had recently purchased a home in this block and had concerns with the parking on the street. This Ordinance has met with opposition from the residents of that block who feel they should be allowed to continue to park on the South side of the street. Many of the residents were present to discuss their concerns. Homes on that side do not have front driveways, and only have alley access to their garages in the rear of their home. Many of them have more than one car and are forced to park on the street. One resident on the North side of the street stated that he cannot get into or out of his drive when the neighbors are parked close to his drive, due to his large vehicle. It was determined that there is a previous Ordinance that was enacted to state that a vehicle cannot block a driveway. This can be enforced at the request of a homeowner by the Police Department. Many of the residents have spoken with each other to rectify the parking issues. Mr. Kretzer agreed to request that the Ordinance be rescinded.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to rescind Ordinance 3892 amending section 6-4-3-1 of the Taylorville City Code. The motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to forward Ordinance 2888 regarding section 6-3-7-9 of the Taylorville City Code to the City Attorney to clarify “at any place where the vehicle would block the use of the driveway” to make modifications with detailed specifications. The motion carried (4-0).

HBO Updates

HBO Calvert presented the HBO Report to the Committee of property violations and clean-ups, along with an explanation of the process to remedy the issues. There are many homeowners who have been sent

letters regarding clean-up of property. The letters allow 72 hours following receipt of the letter for the owner to comply; if no response the paperwork is then sent to the City Attorney to handle. This process takes months to complete, but the City is actively pursuing these blighted properties.

He also addressed the large number of homes that will require yards to be mowed by the City. Many are abandoned or in foreclosure. This process involves a five day notice sent to the owner. It is then followed up with a one day notice if no action is taken. If the City then mows the property, a lien is placed each time the yard is mowed.

Any Other Matters

Ms. Janis Baird presented the Committee with her request and information regarding building a container home on Bryant Street. She had damage to her home as a result of the December 1, 2018 tornado and was uninsured. She is interested in the container home as a more affordable option to home rebuilding. Chairman Bryant will put this item on the June agenda for discussion.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Megan Bryant, Chairman
Ordinance Committee