

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 16, 2017

8:30 A.M.

Present: Pat Brau, Brent Schleisman, Steve Brimhall, Terry McWilliams, Deb Savage, Ron Archer, Jared Walker, Kent White, Jack Swarm - Community Citizens: Steve Rod, Marc Lindean

Absent: None

Call to order: 8:30am

Concerned citizens of Mount Pleasant, Steve Rod from 409 N. Main and Marc Lindean 408 N. Main submitted complaints to the Ordinance Committee regarding the ownership of 412 N. Main and 414 N. Main. The neighborhood will be holding a meeting on August 16, 2017 due to the lack of action of owners at 412 and 414 N. Main. The issue has not been resolved. The owners will not pick up their trash, clean up their porch, remove vehicles in disrepair or keep up with lawn care maintenance. The other owners of North Main are concerned this will cause an issue of selling homes in the future and promotes a poor reflection of the City of Mount Pleasant.

Committee agreed that Jack and Jared will view the homes and give typical notices to the owners at 412 and 414 N. Main.

Jack informed the Committee of a proposed ordinance change to allow tall signs along highways. The proposed regulations would allow tall signs along Highway 218 and 34. Current ordinance limits most signs in commercial areas to 40 feet in height. This new limit would be 100 feet in height above the natural grade at base of sign prior to installation. Permitted one additional on-premise sign for all lots in B-4, M-2, and M-3 zoning districts within 1,000 feet of Highway 218 and 34. The Committee agreed for this to be added to the City Council meeting on August 23rd, 2017 for a first reading.

Jack informed the Committee of a proposed ordinance change to allow more sign surface area in the B-1 district. This proposed ordinance would regulate signs for businesses and the same as schools and churches (including B-1 district), with minor word changes. The permitted uses shall be one hundred square feet of signage. Maximum of fifty square feet to be used for a freestanding sign. The height of freestanding sign is not to exceed six feet nor be within fifty feet of any adjoining lot used or zoned for residential purposes. The Committee agreed for this to be added to the City Council meeting on August 23rd, 2017 for a first reading.

Jack informed the Committee of outdoor storage regulations in various zoning districts. The Committee agreed to have Jack contact Randy Seberg and ask for his future intent with his outdoor storage on his East Monroe property. The Committee would like Jack to survey outdoor storage in M-1 district. The Committee will table the discussion until next meeting.