

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 12, 2016

8:30 A.M.

Present: Pat Brau, Brent Schleisman, Steve Brimhall, Terry McWilliams, Deb Savage, Ron Archer, Jared Walker, Kent White, Jack Swarm, Kristen and Dan McAllister (General Public)

Absent: None

Terry McWilliams called the meeting to order at 8:30am on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

The Committee listened to Kristen and Dan McAllister of Mount Pleasant discuss their desire to allow chickens in residential zoning districts. McAllister thanked the Committee for taking the time to hear their interests and concerns regarding this matter. McWilliams stated this type of ordinance has been brought to the Committee in the past. This request shows that it's still an interest to a portion of the Community. McWilliams noted that every time this issue has been considered, there has been considerable negative reaction by the community. Schleisman stated other City's that allow chickens place strict restrictions to keep the chickens properly maintained and contained, but that most medium and large cities do not allow chickens. The Committee will review Kristen and Dan McAllister's request.

The Committee discussed 410 South Haynes Street per Jack Swarm's request. The building is occupied with unlicensed vehicles and junk yard material on the premises. The Committee requested for Swarm to review the property at the end of October and if the owner has not shown progress to the property then Jack will send out a letter.

The Committee approved to amend the parking limit from 12 minutes to 2 hours at 220 West Monroe Street in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Approved by Committee 8-0.

Terry McWilliams brought to the Committee's attention a few properties in the Mount Pleasant area. The property of Advance Auto Place is overgrown with weeds etc. Jack Swarm mentioned that some of the landscaping on the approved site plan has died and needs replaced.

602 East Henry has a vehicle parked in the early morning and late evenings, 2 feet on the curb onto a (ROW) Right of Way. Jack will handle.

North Lincoln – A red vehicle with no two front tires resting on blocks. Has been in this state for four weeks. Jared & Jack will handle.

615 North Lincoln – Property has an accumulation of trash and property maintenance code problems. Jack & Jared will view the property.

Ongoing Nuisances:

400 W. Orange – Jack stated house is secured. Jared stated City is mowing yard and owner is content to letting the City mow it. The Committee discussed increasing service fees.

405 N. Van Buren – House is in very bad shape. Letter was sent March 29, 2016 with a sixty-day deadline. No living residence. Deadline is over. Pat Brau will take the matter to court to enforce the no occupancy order and property maintenance violations.

714 N. Lincoln – Vehicle needs removed. Pat is processing a fine \$5,000.00

312 E. Vernon – August 1, 2016 deadline. Making progress. Jack will work with owner to continue progress.

309 N. Walnut – Owner has sold property to his daughter. Pat sent a letter to new owner informing her of code violations. Deadline letter was sent. Legal process will start on August 1st with the fine of \$100.00 a day. Pat will proceed with legal process.

106 N. Adams – Pat Brau will file charges due to minimal progress on property. Jack suggested taking the owner to court. Municipal infraction was done and ready to be filed.

108 N. Adams – Significant progress has been made on property. Jack will get with owner to make sure it gets done. Jared will deal with junk.

2005 E. Washington – Owner is getting a Peddler Permit. All concerns are corrected. Jack is monitoring. Progress on property.

105 S. White – Sold in Auction. Property is making progress. Jack notified owner of violation.

302 E. Clay – No occupancy. Pat Brau will file charges. Family considering selling the property to the City. City could possibly loan money to demolish property.

502 N. Hamlin – Pat Brau – Noise citation. Junk is accumulating on property. Take to court? Owner has been fined for dogs. Committee wants to increase the ordinance fee from \$10.00 to \$50.00 and from \$50.00 to \$75.00.

904 S. Main – Pat file charges.

802 W. Washington – Pat Brau file charges. Fine \$100.00 a day. Zoning Violation in progress

605 N. Lombardy – Jack continues to monitor. Issued new notice, will forward to Pat Brau if deadlines not met.

905 W. Washington – Jack continues to monitor. Property has junk, potential fire hazard and use of hotel as an apartment. Working with health department and DHS.

408 S. Jefferson – Repairs mostly complete, only painting is needed. Jack sent out letter and will continue to monitor.

1101 N. Broadway – Owner had until August 1st to remove junk. Not complete. Jared will issue orders to remove junk.

304 S. Jefferson – File property maintenance on home and nuisance on unsafe garage. Pat Brau to file charges. Exterior PMC.

405 N. White – Nuisance noticed served for junk on property by Pat Brau. Pat will file charges if deadline is not met.

401 N. White – property owner has made slow progress. Jack will monitor. Sent letter asking for more work to be done.

702 E Henry – Property vacant. Formal notice sent.

603 S Walnut – Order to take tree down. Property vacant. Dead tree on property. Hazard. Unable to reach owner.

804 N Lincoln – Mount Pleasant rental – minor fixes

808 N Lincoln – Owner repaired roof, will tear down garage.

809 N Lincoln – Rental property that has a lot of issues, letter sent.

304 S Main – Pat will file. \$100.00 a day fine. Garage is in poor condition, inoperable vehicle, junk.

Buffs Truck Plaza – Several letters sent, 1 notice sent, no response from owner. Property has overgrown trees, weeds, trash, junk, tires and obsolete signs. Jack and Rob did a thorough inspection. The legal process has started and the owner had until September 1st. Turned over to Pat Brau.

Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by _____ Date _____

Approved by _____ Date _____