

**Ordinance Committee Meeting**  
**September 9,2025**  
**9:00 AM**

Present: Bob Griffith, Terry McWilliams, Kent White, Mayor Steve Brimhall, Brent Schleisman, Lyle Murray, Jared Walker, Gary Shahan, Shelbi Swinscoe, Drew Schumacher, and a group of Mount Pleasant Residents.

Absent:

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

**Regulations Regarding Amplified Sound**

Abigail Liles addressed the Committee regarding concerns with amplified music from her neighbors, which she described as highly disruptive. She and her husband have attempted to resolve the matter directly with their neighbors but have been unsuccessful. They have also filed complaints with the Police Department. However, enforcement has been limited due to current City ordinances.

The ordinance currently states: *“Self-contained, portable, hand-held music or sound amplification or reproductive equipment shall not be operated on a public space or public right-of-way in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of one hundred (100) feet in any direction from the source.”* Officers have determined that the noise does not exceed the 100-foot threshold.

Ms. Liles expressed concern that the 100-foot requirement does not adequately reflect the realities of residential neighborhoods, where the average distance between homes is approximately 56.25 feet. She requested that the Committee consider amending the ordinance to better address noise between neighboring properties.

The Committee directed staff to research how other cities regulate residential noise and agreed to continue the discussion at the next Ordinance Committee meeting.

**Loitering & Panhandling Ordinance**

The Committee discussed the possibility of adopting a Loitering & Panhandling Ordinance. At present, the City does not have an ordinance addressing these activities.

Lyle noted that Mount Pleasant has experienced an increase in homelessness, with several incidents requiring individuals to be trespassed from private property. He is working with the City Attorneys to develop a draft ordinance for consideration. Residents in the gallery expressed the need for a homeless shelter. Mike Hampton, a resident of Henry County, asked Lyle what the plan was with the news of Trailways discontinuing bus services, as occasionally the Fellowship Cup will offer homeless individuals a bus ticket to get them transported to a shelter or family. Lyle had not met with the Fellowship Cup personnel about the impending discontinuation. The Committee agreed to table the discussion until a draft ordinance is available for review.

## **Discussion of Nuisance Properties**

### **412 E Madison**

The owner of the property has hired someone to come finish the work on the property to bring it to code, so it is able to be sold or rented.

### **301 N Jefferson Street**

Staff has not heard from Clark since the letter was sent out, it has been nearly 3 months. Property is going into foreclosure.

### **314,316 & 318 N Porter Street**

Property owner Mike Hruby has previously expressed interest in selling to the City. The Committee asked staff

### **401 W Washington**

Also owned by Mike Hruby, May not be maintaining business hours. Gary is watching to see if any business hours are being maintained, if not he cannot store unsold items.

### **403 E Green Street**

Staff has filed 657A with consent. Waiting for court date.

### **403 N White**

Progress is slow, but new owners are making some progress.

### **504/506 E Madison Street**

The property owner has started cleaning up the property and has hired someone to come look at the foundation. Owner is maintaining the yard, and staff will continue to monitor it.

### **608 N Adams Street**

Gary reported that the homeowner is slowly working on the house.

### **401 N White**

Owner Mark Pickering does not live there, and there are no utilities to the property. July 1 deadline has passed. The committee asked Gary to move forward with 657A on the property.

### **905 W Washington Street (Iris Motel)**

Staff reported that the owners of the property have been painted. Staff will continue to monitor any progress on the property.

### **412 N Main Street**

Tom Vallombroso won his suit against Oak Tree Properties, by court order he is allowed to occupy the property. Old Grove Investments now owns the property; they are willing to consent to 657A proceedings. This case has been referred to our attorney.

### **105 S Haynes Ct. Lot #1**

Jeff Johnson & Michael Rodriguez(owner) I am seeking municipal infractions against both parties. Trash cleaned up, court date to be set.

### **514 W Vine St.**

Soffit & Gutters falling off the house, weed and tall grass. Property is in foreclosure.

### **603 N Collins Street**

Abated.

### **808 N Lincoln Street**

*Abated* as the dirt has been leveled, and steps have been repaired.

### **307 W Vine Street**

Staff in continuing to monitor.

**908 N Broadway Street**

City staff continue to maintain the lawn due to the owner's noncompliance. City mowers have had a hard time getting it mowed due to the yard being infested with yellow jackets. Jared is working on taking the property owner back to jail due to the noncompliance.

**207 S Marion Street**

Abated. The property has been demolished and sold to a developer who will build a new single-family home on the property.

**Open Forum**

**Adjournment**

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