

Minutes

Ordinance Committee Meeting

08/01/2023

6:00 p.m. Peru City Hall

The committee meeting was called to order by acting chair Vanessa Sherman at 6:00 p.m. Present were committee members Vanessa Sherman, Cate Mandigo, and Marty Peregoy. Absent was Mayor Dave Pease. Theresa Westfall attended as a guest community member.

It was agreed through unanimous consent to loosely follow the last meeting's agenda.

Discussion was held regarding having more people on the committee. It was noted that Mayor Pease appoints committee members, and that if community members expressed an interest, they could contact Mayor Pease. In the interim, they are welcome to monitor meetings in person and comment with permission of the committee.

Discussion was held regarding updating ordinances and making them available to the general public via the city web page. Committee members will be sent a list of ordinances adopted in 2016. Said adoption repealed most ordinances adopted prior to 2016. Ordinances adopted since 2016 are kept in a separate volume in the City Clerk's office. Discussion included making sure that all city ordinances are recorded in the County Clerk's office, and Chair Vanessa Sherman will ask the City Clerk for a copy of those adopted since 2016.

Discussion of common community complaints regarding not knowing the city's ordinances and the city having no clear plan of action when an ordinance is violated was held.

The committee discussed goals for the remainder of the year:

Goal 1: Publish ordinances and communicate with public regarding ordinances

Goal 2: Notify citizens of the proper procedure for complaints and publish articles in three places:

1. The Country Neighbor
2. The monthly water bill
3. Post around town

Goal 3: Work on ways to consistently and equitably ensure compliance with ordinances

Goal 4: Work for transparency with the community by publishing the minutes of the monthly meetings on Facebook, posting around town, and leaving a copy for the City Clerk to supply upon request.

Marty agreed to send copies of the 2016 ordinance booklet to members Cate Mandigo and Chair Vanessa Sherman. It was decided that peddler permits will be decided upon at the next meeting to be held in City Hall August 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., to meet monthly, and to notify the public of the meeting via Facebook and posting around town.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Marty Peregoy.