

Taylorsville Community Council 3a November 7, 2013

- Daryl Gudmundson talked about the Snow Plow Ordinance that was presented by City Manager, John Morgan at the last City Council Meeting.

This is discussion only with no definite course of action being pursued.

Comments:

Neighborhood values decline when there are too many cars parked on the street continually

Many cars invites vandalism

Can there be clemency when families have parties or get-togethers and have lots of cars in front of their house?

There are 2 issues- 1) snow plough accessibility and 2) get-togethers

Many citizens will follow the rules, but there will be others that won't and that could lead to many thinking that it doesn't matter about parking on the street

Dave Lamb commented about Ivory Highlands and that there is no overnight parking at all. They put stickers on violators' cars if left on the street between 2 and 5 am.

This proposed ordinance change will be discussed at the next City Council meeting in 2 weeks.

The present ordinance for parking was read.

The consensus was we need to beef up the ordinance, though a couple of residents suggested there be an accomodation for those with big vehicles and can't park it in the driveway and also for those who have a lot of teenagers and more cars.

There was concern about renters who have a lot of people living in a house and therefore, more cars.

- Others concerns that were brought up
 1. People that don't take care of their yard

Amy Newton mentioned that if there are renters that you are concerned about, call the city and they will find who the owner is. The city has a Good Landlord Program that they can inform the owner about.

Rhetta McIff talked about Code Enforcement and that we need to be better neighbors. Instead of calling and "ratting" on neighbors, find ways to help.

One resident mentioned about an neighbor where the wife was disabled and the husband had to work lots of hour and he didn't have time to do yardwork. They were reported to the city, but ended up having good neighbors help.

The city has a program where they recognize a home each month that has a beautiful yard. We should encourage people to take care of their yards. Could we put monthly "helpers" about taking care of our yards and also about the code in the city paper or in a newsletter? We should take a proactive approach instead of being reactive.

Aimee Newton asked- could the Code Enforcers officer give good tickets for a well kept yard?

It was mentioned that in WVC they have bulk junk pick-ups once a month. Could we have something like that instead of once a year? Rhetta said that if 6 or more neighbors get together, they can have a dumpster at no cost. The city will promote that program next year.

2. Walkways along 5400 S. are not always plowed. (That is the city's responsibility, but many times the snowplows put snow back on the sidewalks)

Walkways along 2700 W are home owner's responsibility- but they are far from the home owner (this refers to homeowners who homes back up against 2700)

It was asked- would you support a tax to have seasonal workers to clear these walkways? (The majority of the group voted yes)

3. Many were concerned about the future of our city. We need to beautify along Redwood Road between 4100 S and 5400 S. Code Enforcers need to start on the major roads. Rhetta mentioned that there are 2 Code Enforcer officers and they each drive their 1/2 the city every day. Many homes that look bad, may not be in violation of a code.

Taylorville Youth Council has a Day of Service on Nov. 16th and they are looking for projects. If there are big violators, the city can help.

- Dean concluded the meeting

1. We worry about our neighborhoods

2. We want to help our own neighbors

3. We want strong code enforcement

4. We want new business in the city. A vote was taken- Do we want the city to invest in attracting new businesses?

3- No. One resident said a tax increase would cause Senior Citizen to move out

15- Yes - If we don't continue a pro-active approach to improve neighborhoods and attract business, Taylorville's valued residents will begin a migration out of Taylorville and the city will go from a community with great heritage and potential to a low rent district.

- Amy Newton brought up a school related issues. At Bennion Junior High there are 15- 9th graders that will go to Taylorville High School and 126 that will go to Cottonwood High School. Taylorville has room for the 126. She wants a boundary change. Students that reside in Ivory Highlands are bussed to Cottonwood. If the boundary changed, they would still be bussed, but to Taylorville. She asked who would favor that. The majority were in agreement with her.

- Safety Concerns. Speed bumps. Rhetta brought a map and we can write on it where we have safety concerns. The city engineer can come to our meeting next month and discuss safety.

- The city's website has facebook pages that we could use for our community council. It would be linked from the city's website.

- CERT training. Someone was interested. We need to find the dates for that training in Taylorville.

Next Meeting: Dec. 5, 2013

Attendance: 18

Including: Rhetta McIff- Neighborhood Coordinator for Taylorville City

Amy Newton- Public Relations- Taylorville City

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