

**CITY OF EYOTA
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 20, 2016**

Present: Members: Lief Hughes, Casey Johnson and John Chesney
Council Rep: Ray Schuchard Secretary: Marlis Knowlton

Absent: Member Chad Ohl and Janet Hughes, Council Rep Bryan Cornell

Call to Order: Chair Lief Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by Chesney and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion was made by Chesney and seconded by Johnson to approve the June 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Animal Ordinance: The current Animal Ordinance #133 was reviewed for possible updates. The Commission discussed specific references and some of the decisions made were:

- Keep the restraint by voice control or e-collar
- Add bees as a forbidden agricultural animal
- Change Service Dog to be Service Animal
- Remove the need for annual licensing. A onetime registration was discussed but the benefits were considered limited and it would still require staff time which is one thing that is trying to be avoided to reduce expense to the City.
- Keep the requirement for rabies vaccinations, but consider increased penalties
- Suggested the running at large penalty be increased from \$50 to \$100
- Suggested city boarding fees be increased from \$25 to \$50
- Keep all the Dangerous Dog information, as this is referenced in State Statutes. But the public hearings should be scheduled with the Council and not the Public Safety Commission. And consider increasing the annual dangerous dog fee from \$250 to \$300
- Keep all the chicken information as is; chickens and the harboring of chickens needs to be monitored and permitted.
- Kennels were discussed. Details of a kennel are probably referenced in the zoning ordinances. The State probably has rules that need to be followed, so the City probably does not need to create regulations. This should be verified.

These suggestions and changes will be incorporated into the ordinance and reviewed again at the next meeting.

Parking Ordinances: The Commission discussed changes to Ordinance #142 Regulating Parking. Section 2, Subdivision 5 regulates parking within five feet of an intersection, street, alley or driveway. Is this even necessary in the City ordinance, isn't it covered in basic Minnesota vehicle driving regulations.

Section 3. Unlawful Overtime Parking. No parking of a motor vehicle, like a car, on a street longer than 48 consecutive hours was agreed to be still acceptable amount of time. But commercial vehicles and recreational type vehicles were discussed in detail. Although further considerations will be discussed, final consensus was commercial type vehicles (dump trucks, tractors, truck-tractors, heavy machinery) should continue to be limited to one hour. Some common sense needs to be used, for instance, if a construction contractor is parked in front of the customers building during the working business day. But residential or recreational type vehicles (motor homes, campers, trailers) could possibly be changed to twenty four hours.

These suggestions and changes will be incorporated into the ordinance and reviewed again at the next meeting.

It was also noted that long term and/or regular parking along the north side of Second Street SW (west of 411 Second Street SW to Jefferson Avenue SW), in the ditch or in the Second Street Wetlands parcel should not be allowed.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Lief Hughes and seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer