

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

August 10, 2020

In Attendance:

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Link, Larry Chapman, Jonathan Greer and Mayor Janet Winkler

Others Present: Town Manager, Rebecca Bentley and Town Clerk, Tammy Swanson

Call to Order:

Chairman Jeff Link called the meeting to order.

Review proposed changes to Town Code of Ordinances – Garbage, Refuse Collection & Disposal:

Rebecca stated that due to changes that have happened over the years with our garbage collection services, we need to update the Town's Code of Ordinances. She called attention to Article 3 in the Health and Sanitation section of the Code. She stated that we have been having problems with citizens leaving their trash containers at the side of the road all week long. She stated that she witnessed a near car accident due to someone leaving their trash container at the road. She stated that there were several things in this Article alone that simply do not apply to our current sanitation regulations.

Rebecca highlighted some of the changes that need to be made to the Ordinance.

- 90+ gallon containers will be used.
- If someone is unable to get their garbage container to the street, we will help (actually Republic's contract includes this provision)
- Apartments – if the complex has 7 or more apartment units, the Town's trash services cannot be used. She stated that we have several apartment complexes that use our containers. Sherrillwood Terrace is one of the complexes that uses our containers. They, however, push the cans to the road and leave them too long. She stated that she wanted to be able to say that we will adhere to our agreement to let them use the containers so long as they adhere to the ordinance.
- Review of Section 9.26 – Location of containers put out for collection. Trash containers are to be placed within 3 feet of the edge of the street no earlier than dusk on the evening before pick up and no later than 7:00 a.m. The containers are to be removed from the side of the street by midnight on the day of collection. No containers are to be kept or left beside the street for any purpose. Residents who leave their trash containers at the street could eventually face fines.
- Reviewed of Section 9.28 - Collection of industrial waste, building waste and residential building materials. No building materials such as paint, shingles, concrete blocks, lumber, floor coverings, etc., or refuse from any building operation or home renovations will be collected. Rebecca stated that she believes it is important for our Public Works Department to not pick up building materials even during Spring Cleanup.
- Rebecca stated that residential users get a once per week pick up and businesses get twice per week pick up.
- Section 9.31 Yard Waste – Rebecca stated that this is something that is very important to our residents because they have no other place to dispose of yard debris. She stated that if someone has loose yard waste, it needs to be placed into something that can be picked up by Public Works – bag, box, etc.

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Rebecca reviewed the leaf guidelines. She stated that after the leaf collection season, the leaf vacuum is removed from the truck, and the leaves have to be bagged for pick up.

Jeff asked about the placement of limbs and yard waste close to drainage openings along the streets.

Rebecca mentioned that there may be something in our stormwater regulations to regulate how close debris can be placed to a collection drain. Rebecca mentioned that we already have yard waste guidelines in place.

The Committee mentioned minor changes that needed to be made to the amendment.

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Jeff Link) to recommend the adoption of these Ordinance changes with the amendments. Unanimously approved.

Discuss Spring Cleanup - Larry asked if we are going to look at possibly doing a “Spring Cleanup” this fall.

Rebecca stated that things with COVID have not changed very much at this point, and we are soon going to be in leaf season, which is a very busy time for Public Works.

It was the consensus of the Committee to say we are not going to have a “Spring Cleanup” this year.

Streets & Sidewalks – Powell Bill:

Rebecca reported that we have approximately \$83,700 in Powell Bill Funds, and we should get around \$110,000 from Powell Bill this year, part of which will come in October and the other part in January. She commented that any work done with speed humps will have to be paid from Powell Bill Funds. She added that we will probably not be doing any regular paving this year.

Rebecca reviewed the rating system we have in place for repaving the streets. She stated that we have several streets that need attention. We did receive a petition from the Greenbrooke Road residents to repave that street; however, it has a big pot hole that can be repaired and some alligating of the pavement. She commented that we have streets in worse shape.

Rebecca briefly discussed the road repairs on Hickman Avenue, and stated that there is a “swag” in the street where the City of Lenoir repaired a water line. She commented that Lenoir will be contacted about making repairs to the street.

Also, we have a lot on Deer Ridge Drive in the Deer Creek Subdivision, that does not front the street. The developer cut the street paving short, and did not carry the street down far enough to serve the lot. The individual who purchased the lot would like to purchase the easement, and position the house on the lot so that they would have right-of-way. According to Town Attorney, Carroll Tuttle, this cannot be done. Carroll suggested that Teresa Kinney recommend to the property owner that they contact their own attorney to discuss their options.

Adjournment:

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Jonathan Greer) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk