



Town of Alpine

Date: November 5, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Town Hall

Type: Workshop

A Public Workshop was held to discuss ideas, implementation and the creation of a Town Ordinance for private and public property clean-up, excessive vehicle parking and abandoned vehicles on properties. The purpose was to discuss property pride and provide feedback to the Council to assist in the formation of a new or updated ordinance to be proposed at a later date.

A list of the public in attendance is attached to this meeting summary.

Public comments were solicited. An informal discussion ensued. The concerns and suggestions cited by the public are as follows:

- Ground rules need to apply to all citizens equally, across the board; there is no "Grandfather" allowance.
- Ordinance would provide enforcing power lacking in most Homeowner's Associations CCR.
- There is a need to get information contained in Ordinance, once adopted, to all of the community.
- The Ordinance currently in effect covers most items of concern.
- There is a serious safety issue with vehicles parked on the side of the road. Currently, vehicles are allowed to remain in the Right-of-Way for 48 hours.
- Number of RVs parked on the lot and that living in an RV is prohibited. A maximum of 30 days per year that an RV may be occupied was suggested.
- RV parked for a month or more should be required to hook-up to water and sewer.
- Attention should be given to zoning restrictions.
- Parked RVs block the view at intersections which is a hazard, this needs to be stopped.
- Unlicensed vehicles are a concern as they are unsightly.
- Recommend not more than one unlicensed vehicle and that the vehicle must have all four tires on the ground.
- Commercially used trailers and vehicles should be restricted to commercially zoned lots.
- State Statute governing noxious weeds has a provision for placing a lien on properties with uncontrolled noxious weeds. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the landowner informing him or her that they are in violation of Ordinance 103 and Wyoming State Statutes. The land owner can be given a citation through the Town of Alpine, if they fail to appear in court, the County can then issue a Warrant on the landowner(s).
- It was stressed that citizens need to help in the enforcement process, as they can file a complaint or make the law enforcement officials aware of a problem. This does not mean that every call will result in a citation; a warning system could be used first.
- Screening or privacy fences could be an option to reduce unpleasant visual stimuli to the passers-by.

- The Ordinance as finally adopted must be acted on by the Town; otherwise this exercise was a futile waste of time. This may require budgeting additional hours for the Municipal Officer(s). It is expressly understood that the Town of Alpine cannot afford to fund a police force.
- Once the Ordinance is adopted, the first step would be to ask for voluntary compliance, approach this as though it is a true Co-Op for the community.
- It was suggested that Christine could include a colored letter with the water billing for violations that have been reported to the Town but have not been corrected by the land owner(s). The letter identifies that a land owner is in violation of a portion of the Ordinance. The Municipal Officer can then inspect the situation and follow-up.
- Citizens are encouraged to visit the Town of Alpine website as the current Ordinances are posted there.

For the next Public Workshop scheduled for December 3, 2014, a draft Ordinance will be discussed. Items to be included in that draft Ordinance are:

1. Public safety and parking in Right-of Way;
2. Residents must use property as zoned; zoning restrictions defined;
3. Parking vehicles; number of abandoned vehicles;
4. Parking in the set back;
5. State Statute governing noxious weed and lien process allowed therein;
6. Letter of enforcement will be included in water bill;

The Public Workshop adjourned at 6:50 p.m.






 Kennis Lutz, Mayor

Meeting summary taken and transcribed by:


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 Date