

**CITY OF ELKHORN**  
**Legislative and Regulatory Committee**  
**First Floor Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

**March 24, 2011**

Chairman Julie Taylor called the Legislative and Regulatory Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Aldermen Julie Taylor, Ronald Dunwiddie, Gerald Norton

Also present: Alderman Eric Messerschmidt, City Administrator Sam Tapson, Police Chief Joel Christensen, City Clerk Darlene Igl

**SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

Options were discussed including a clear street policy or an approach based on the number of inches of the snowfall. Chief Christensen presented information that could be utilized to base the ordinance on National Weather Service declarations such as Winter Storm Advisories or Winter Storm Warnings. Administrator Tapson stated that the ordinance should avoid timeframes and must be enforceable. Draft language for a snow emergency ordinance will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

**SIDEWALK CLEARING**

Chief Christensen stated that difficulties are encountered when attempting to enforce the sidewalk clearing ordinance, particularly with non-owner occupied residences. The current ordinance requires that a warning be provided which often complicates the enforcement process. It was suggested that the language be revised to remove the provision requiring a notice and to include clearing of curb ramps. It was requested that this issue be placed on the next Committee agenda and that DPW Director Weter be asked to attend the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Raykovich, 36 Ridgway Street, commented on his concerns that leaf pickup and garbage collection issues be enforced. He also requested that the Committee consider limitations on burning as it is currently allowed for a two month period in spring and in fall with burning permitted with winds up to 18 mph and he feels that this is excessive. It was requested that this issue be placed on the next Committee agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (Dunwiddie/Norton) to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Darlene R. Igl  
City Clerk