

ZONING REGULATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

September 15, 2014

Attendees: Councilmen Marquette, Minarcin, Staczek, City Administrator Ciecka,

City Solicitor Heban

1) Ordinance# 2014-56 – The one point of contention with this proposed revision, was in Section 1 part (b). The last two sentences. In Core Commercial (C-3) zoning district, there shall be no restriction on the number of trailers that may be stored behind the required front setback line provided that each must have a current license plate. In the case of a corner lot, the trailer(s) shall also be located behind the required side setback line.

The discussion was centered around the words “no restrictions on the numbers”. As the city takes great strides to enhance the growth and development our downtown, we see having restrictions as a tool for helping to clean up the alleys that serve the store fronts on Dixie Hwy.

If a business does come forward that offers an economic advantage to our city, but would require the storage of trailers that currently exceed this ordinance, they can apply for a variance with the board of zoning appeals.

This committee recommends that this proposed ordinance amending Rossford Municipal Code Section 351.16(b) be defeated.

2) The use of Facebook by City Departments – Mr. Staczek had some points to raise, about how our departments are utilizing Facebook. He was not happy to see a photo (mug shot) of a citizen posted on the police departments page for a DUI arrest. It was pointed out by Mr. Ciecka that Mr. Duricek and this committee prepared and proposed legislation that set guidelines for the use of social media by our departments. Ivan and the Rec center were offered as an example of the positive use of Facebook.

After the meeting, I spoke with Chief Goss about their use and he assured me that in the future the posting of pictures will be limited to felony offenders, sexual predators, and others deemed dangerous to our community.

3) Tracking nuisance complaints - Mr. Minarcin and Staczek see a need for some type of tool that will track the progress of complaints regarding nuisance properties. Mr. Marquette will contact Mark Zuchowski to discuss his thoughts and ideas.