

July 29, 2019

The Tama City Council met Monday July 29, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the Tama City Council Chambers for a Work Session. Mayor Carnahan called the meeting to order with the following council member answering to roll call: McAdoo, Haughey, Ray, Tyynismaa, with Babinat absent. There were no visitors.

The Work Session was initiated by the Mayor and Council to review past properties with clean up notice letters sent. Mayor and Council reviewed other properties in the community for additional clean up notices to be delivered. The members all commented on the number of junk vehicles and parts of vehicles that were sitting on properties, particularly in the backyards. Junk vehicles will be a part of the cleanup process, but since there is a separate process for abating the vehicles they will essentially be treated differently.

The Mayor and Council discussed the amount of garbage refuse that is being stockpiled on properties. It was pointed out that the majority of nuisance abatements that City staff deals with is the removal of garbage. The Mayor and Council began a discussion on the municipalization of garbage service. The discussion moved from offering contract services, to having staff do routes, or simply requiring all residences, business, and industrial users be required to have weekly pick-ups. The discussion was centered on how to eliminate the stockpiling of refuse. No action was taken.

The Mayor brought the conversation back to properties that were overgrown with weeds, shrubs, grass and other plants. Council decided to review and send letters to property owners to cleanup prior nuisances and then to add to the list.

Approximately 15 letters will be sent out to the worst offenders to be approved at a future date. Council member Haughey will again compile the list of properties. Council will approve the list and letters will be sent.

The Mayor and Council chose to revise the letter to include a checklist:

- Junk in Yard
- Garbage
- Vehicles
- Engine/Car parts
- Non running Small engines/Lawn Mowers
- Vegetation in yards/Yard Debris
- Scrap Building Materials
- Furniture
- Appliances
- Unregistered Trailers

- Dilapidated Assessory Buildings (Garages, Sheds)
- Other _____
- Other _____

It was suggested that the three groups of Council members will be responsible for reviewing the progress made on properties and come back with a report on their progress. The Mayor and Council briefly discussed sidewalk and sidewalk improvements that will need to be done in the future.

It was moved by Tyynismaa and seconded by Ray to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed all ayes.

Mike Carnahan, Mayor

John Lloyd, Public Works Director