# **HOOPESTON**

**Street and Alley Committee**

**Minutes**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 @ 3:00 PM

1. Meeting was called to order by Jeff Wise.
2. Present were Jeff Wise, Wade Gocking, and Bill Crusinberry. Absent was Bill McElhaney.
3. Discussed options for a notification system to let residents know when the snow routes are activated. The police and HEMA use Nixle, so that is an option. Dawn Layden emailed an option called Text My Government. Options were discussed. The idea was tabled until we get more info.
   1. There was lengthy discussion about cars on snow routes. The police used to knock on doors to let people know to move their cars. We will request that they start doing that again. If cars are not moved, we recommend that they be towed.
4. There are some snow related ordinances, but they may need to be reworded or modified. Discussed complaints about blocked driveways. Driveways, while frustrating, will not be cleared by the City. Discussed concerns/complaints with sidewalks in the downtown area. Tabled discussion on downtown sidewalks until a workable solution could be found.
   1. Snow routes will be activated if the forecasted snow is expected to reach a depth of three (3) inches.
   2. There is no ordinance that requires us to do alley snow removal. We will continue to do it as a courtesy, but we may be forced to address it again later down the road.
5. Agreed to use the Parks or Water Departments to help during snow removal. The Water Dept will clear snow at their lot, the City’s other lots, City Hall, and the fire stations. The Parks Dept will clear the park, annex, and assist with alleys.
6. Discussed potential problems with the alley right of way (easement). There are numerous fences, garages, cement and blacktop driveways, landscaping, etc. that is on the right of way. To force someone to remove theirs, while letting everyone else’s stay could be a problem. Tabled until a future date to discuss possibly changing the wording of the ordinance warning residents that if needed, the easement would be used and their fences, garages, etc. would be removed at their cost.
7. No Unfinished Business
8. No New Business

Adjourned at 3:58 pm