

Harlowton City Council Minutes
March 24, 2015
Harlowton Public Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held March 24, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Joe Brouillette made a motion to give one free pass to the transfer station for grass, leaves and tree branches to each account that was paid in full. These passes are non-transferrable. Bryan Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Teig made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1 – A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CONSIDER THE ANNEXATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO INTO THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA (annexation of the Corral Motel). John Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Sell explained to the council that the resolution for annexation was only for the Corral Motel as the ownership of the Sportsman needs to be resolved first.

Jim Kalitowski made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-2 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF CDBG APPLICATION. Ron Teig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

John Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-3 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DETERMINING THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS. Ron Teig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Jones, study commission liaison was absent so no report was given for the committee. Others that had been in attendance at the February 16 study commission meeting commented that only one member of the public had attended. Thirteen surveys had been collected. Debbie Davis will continue to keep collecting surveys for public comment. The Government Study Commission meets the 3rd Monday of each month.

Jeff reported on the city’s responsibility to provide funds to maintain the Jawbone Creek dams and dykes. DNRC provided him with a copy of the agreement that states this. Council questioned how much funds would be needed for the maintenance. Jeff will research how the city should proceed in acquiring the needed funds.

City Superintendent, Ian Reed, reported that the crew had been working on the dams. New swings were installed at Chief Joseph Park. They will be falling trees for the sidewalk project soon. The road on A Avenue where a recent water leak had occurred will be getting patched.

Joe Brouillette asked if anyone knew who owns the green metal shed at the park. Jeff indicated that he could not find any documentation on the ownership of the building.

Council was wondering if Jeff had talked to the school about possibly helping fund the C Avenue sidewalk project. Jeff indicated that at this time there will be no financial assistance from the school for this project.

Jeff updated the council on Jon Hesse's progress with outstanding projects. Hesse will be working on the fireworks ordinance and then the codification of ordinances.

Jeff updated the council on the city's financial audit performed by Strom and Associates. There were 6 possibly 7 audit findings with 3 of them being repeats of last year. So that the council was aware Jeff stated that the city's next audit will need to be a federal audit. A federal audit is required when a city exceeds \$500,000 in federally funded grants. This will increase the cost of the fiscal year 2015 audit.

Joe Brouillette asked if a road sign had been replaced in his ward. Ian indicated it had been taken care of.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19627-19653. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson
Joe Brouillette
Jim Kalitowski
Ron Teig
Bryan Tomlinson

City Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk