

Harlowton City Council Minutes
April 26, 2016
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held April 26, 2016 at 7:00pm opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

City resident Joe Brouillette asked if any progress had been made on the west end SID project. Jeff Sell reported that he was still working on it.

Jeff Sell reported that the advertisement for agriculture leases were posted in the Times Clarion for the next two weeks. Two commercial leases are still being worked on.

Jeff gave an update on the decay ordinance violations currently being worked on.

John Anderson gave a committee report on the library. The library recently received an Excellent Library Service Award at the MLA convention. The library also received \$8,000 from the Charles M Bair Family Trust for remodeling of the back room. A string quartet recently played at the library as well. It was well attended.

Dave from Four Corners recycling was not able to attend the meeting.

City clean up days will be May 6th and 7th. Hours will be 8:00am to 4:00pm. City council members are encouraged to come help on Friday May 6th. Clean up day rates were approved.

Jeff sell reported on the fiscal year 2015 final audit. Four findings were discussed.

Bob Jones made a motion to accept the Equal Employment Opportunity policy as written. Paul Otten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The first reading of ordinance 2-2016 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION D/B/A/ NORTHWESTERN ENERGY A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AND FIXING THE TERMS THEREOF UNDER WHICH SAID COMPANY MAY CONSTRUCT, EQUIP, LAY, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE NATURAL GAS DELIVERY FACILITIES IN, UNDER, UPON, OVER AND ACROSS STREETS, AVENUES, ALLEYS, HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, EASEMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, AND MAY DELIVER AND SELL NATURAL GAS was read. A correction to the date in the first paragraph was noted. Bryan Tomlison made a motion to accept the first reading. Ron Teig seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff reported on the playground equipment update. The Charles M Bair Family trust awarded the city \$10,000.00 with a challenge grant of \$20,000 to go toward the project.

Ian reported that some fall protection has been installed at the park. Check valves in the booster station had gone bad. A timer on the lagoon blower has been installed. A VFD was installed on the south well. The south well pump quite working. It will cost approximately \$20,000 to fix. The area below the golf course

dam has been dug out for drainage and the upper side of the dam has been exposed for repair. NRCS requires that they be there to supervise the needed repairs.

Jeff reported that the city had twelve bidders on the phase 3 water project. The bid will be awarded at the next council meeting. Usually work starts within thirty days after the bid is awarded.

Council members requested Ian check out a few complaints about street issues.

The next city council meeting will be held on May 10, 2016 at 7:00pm in the city hall.

John Anderson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #20300-20315 from the April 9, 2016 through April 21, 2016 claims. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 8:07 pm.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Ron Teig, Bryan Tomlinson

Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk