

Harlowton City Council Minutes
May 12, 2015
Harlowton Public Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held May 12, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the April 28, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Sell opted to move the mom's group from New Business up on the agenda to accommodate the representatives attending. Jayme Colby and Emerald Parisi presented a fund raising option of "movie night in the park". There could be a donation to attend the movie and concessions for sale. They would like to start in June and show movies on weekends that the local movie theater is not showing a movie. Council suggested using the baseball field for the event to keep the activity away from the campground. There is electricity available and a concession stand that could be used. Sell requested the Mom's group return for the next council meeting with a schedule and more information on their planning.

Mayor Sell read 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) for the public hearing. There were no comments or opposition from the public.

Robert Jones, government study commission liaison, gave a report on the last study commission meeting. Each study commission member had assignments to visit with appropriate county and city officials. The study commission is still aiming to be done by August so if there are recommendations and changes to be made they will have time to get it through the ballot process. Their next meeting will be May 19, 2015.

The first reading of ordinance 1-2015 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HARLOWTON AMENDING SECTION 9.28.020 OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON MUNICIPAL CODES ALLOWING FOR THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS ON JULY 2-4 FROM 8:00 AM TO MIDNIGHT 12:00 AM EACH DAY, WITH THE EXCEPTION BEING IF THE COUNTY IS UNDER FIRE RESTRICTIONS, CITIZENS MAY DISCHARGE FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS IF THEY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CITY CLERK AND RECEIVE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL. Bob Jones made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 1-2015. Bryan Tomlinson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ian Reed, City Superintendent, reported that the Thompson Well pump proposal deadline is Friday May 15, 2015. There were two companies that have contacted him so far. The Flow meter has been installed in the lift station. Also a level transducer has been installed. New fire rings have been installed in the park. There are still more to be replaced but they are on order. The new planters and garbage receptacles that the Chamber of Commerce purchased have arrived. They will be placed on Central Avenue. City Clean Up days were on May 8 and 9. The residents did not utilize this service as much as past years. Ian will be out of state May 22 to approximately June 1.

The Depot Museum asked Mayor Sell for permission to build a 14 x 24 three sided shelter on the northwest corner of the property that the Depot Museum sits on. As this is city property they need council approval. The state building inspector has been informed. Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to allow for a 14x24 three sided shelter to be built on the NW corner of the property. John Anderson seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Sell informed the council that the library would like to build a “log” wall in the library around the children’s area. As the library building is city property the council would need to approve the building of the wall. There was no opposition from the council.

The front of the library building has been redone.

Kathie Newland, city clerk and treasurer, reported on attending the annual MMCT&FOA Clerk’s institute in May. It was pointed out that there is elected official training offered at this conference as well.

There is concern about public safety regarding the burned Biegels Bar and a storage area by the bowling area, owned by the same owner. Ian will check into what can be done and if there is funding available to assist in clean-up and safety efforts.

The next city council meeting will be May 26, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton City Library conference room.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19719 to 19735. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council members reported on when they would be out of state.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson
Joe Brouillette
Bob Jones
Jim Kalitowski
Ron Teig
Bryan Tomlinson

Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk-Treasurer