

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
May 26, 2015  
Harlowton Public Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held May 26, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

The second 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 was read. Jim Kalitowski made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 1-2015. Ron Teig seconded. Motion passed unanimously. John Parella of Roundup (sells fireworks from the booth by the Corral Motel) asked the council if they had considered the littering involved with shooting fireworks and the enforcement of this amended ordinance. Jeff Sell informed him that this had all been considered.

Robert Jones, government study commission liaison, gave a report on the last study commission meeting. The study commissions hopes to have their process completed by August 2015.

John Anderson reported on the last library meeting. Re-facing of the front of the library building had been completed. He clarified that an automatic door opener for just the back door was going to be installed. The “log wall” by the kids’ area of the library will be made in a manner that makes it more stable.

Lori Teig reported that Pioneer Technical had submitted their report to the DEQ regarding soil contamination around the old Chevron property. They had performed 26 soil boring samples and 4 were contaminated. It was reported that the contamination from the Chevron property likely contributed to the contamination plume but not a significant portion. There will be RFPs for soil excavating to clean up the property. This will not be a city expense.

At the last city council meeting Jeff Sell had requested permission for the Depot Museum to build a 3 sided shelter on the NW corner of the property that the Depot Museum sits on. As this was not on the agenda for that meeting it was put back on the floor for a motion. John Anderson made the motion to allow for a 14x24 three sided shelter to be built on the NW corner of the property that the Depot Museum sits on. Jim Kalitowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff reminded Ron Teig, John Anderson and Joe Brouillette that their terms on the city council would expire this year and that July 2 is the last day to register to be on the ballot.

Jeff also brought it to the council's attention that use of personal email accounts is highly discouraged for communication related to the city. Kathie could help council members set up "city" email accounts for use. They are to contact Kathie directly if they need assistance.

Joe Brouillette asked if the old equipment in the basement of the library was going to be sold (equipment that was there when the city purchased the building). Jeff informed the council that the city was making a list of surplus equipment for a surplus sale sometime this year.

Ian Reed, City Superintendent, was absent from the meeting.

Jeff reported that the DEQ had started monitoring and drilling near the roundhouse to assess contamination. Four prior Milwaukee Railroad employees attended the meeting. They were able to provide valuable information to the DEQ. Each boring that was performed showed extensive contamination. The City of Harlowton is the first project for the state to use money that has been earmarked for these types of contamination issues.

The old Thompson well pump has been pulled and the new one installed. There is a little more work to be done before it will be up and operational. The city has been flushing hydrants to try to help with the water issues that have arisen due to the Thompson well being down. After the well project is completed the city crew will resume fixing streets.

The Chamber of Commerce has received the planters and waste receptacles that they purchased with Callant funds for main street beautification. They have been placed on Central Avenue in areas where it has been marked as no parking to avoid them being blocked from view and getting hit by parking vehicles. They will be filled with flowers soon and a committee of the Chamber is being put together to maintain the planters during the season.

The City has been notified that it did not receive the phase III water project DNRC funding. Our project was ranked 65<sup>th</sup> of 100 with the DNRC. The state only funded approximately the first 33 projects. The City was also notified that it will receive the phase III water project TSEP funding. The project was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jeff participated in a conference call regarding the next steps in this project.

Ron Teig reported that 5 trees have been purchased by the Tree Board to be planted around the city.

The next city council meeting will be June 9, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19739 to 19754. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Joe Brouillette, Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, Ron Teig

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Jeff Sell, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk