

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held June 23, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

A motion to accept Ordinance 2-2015 “ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF HARLOWTON” was made by Jim Kalitowski. Bob Jones seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bryan Tomlinson made the motion to proceed with the CTEP C Avenue Sidewalk project as well as signing of the final contracts. Jim Kalitowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion was held regarding continued handicapped access to the pool during construction as well as noise issues that may be present during construction. Jeff indicated that the contractors were aware of the situation with the handicapped parking and access to the pool.

Robert Jones, government study commission liaison, gave a report on the last study commission meeting. The study commissions hopes to have their preliminary report ready by the next meeting. So far they have not detected any need for a change in the government for the city.

John Anderson was not present to report on the library.

Amy Collins, pool manager presented her resignation effective at the end of this pool season. The council thanked her for the many years of service she provided to the city. Jeff and Amy will prepare a 5 year plan of physical plant maintenance, upkeep and improvement before she is done.

The City County Preservation Committee asked for permission to have the old Winnecook post office building moved to the east side of the Depot building. This project would commence sometime in the spring/summer of 2016. Jim Kalitowski made the motion to allow them to do so. Bryan Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ian Reed, City Superintendent, was not present at the meeting.

Jeff reported that the Thompson well pump is up and running. The flow meter and soft start system are still to be installed.

Jim Kalitowski reported a large hole in the street at 1st and C Avenue.

Joe Brouillette inquired about the school having gravel from the city spread in their parking lot. Jeff was not aware that the city was involved in this and did not think they were. Jeff was going to check with Ian on this.

Ian will be out of the state on vacation until Sunday June 28.

Jeff reported on the status of the regional water project. The project has been included in S.1552. The chairman of the Dry Red Water project testified in Washington D.C. on behalf of the project. S.1552 passed through the first hearing process with a 15% probability of passing.

Jim Kalitowski noted that the recent MT Range Days hosted in Harlowton appeared to have gone well.

The next city council meeting will be July 14, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall.

Jeff requested the council to be thinking about a special improvement district (SID) for the west end of Harlowton to include curb, gutter, paving and storm drain system. The City would have to front the cost of preliminary engineering costs which would be paid back by the taxpayers if the SID were to pass. If the SID doesn't pass then the cost of preliminary engineering would remain with the city.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19760 to 19778 from the May 23 through June 5 claims. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19783 to #19799 from the June 6 through June 19 claims. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members Present:

Joe Brouillette, Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, Bryan Tomlinson

Employees Present:

Amy Collins

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk