

HARLOWTON CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

February 25, 2014

Harlowton Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held February 25, 2014 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Bob Church from Great West Engineering presented the initial findings, funding strategies and recommendations of Phase III of the Water Project to the public.

Comments from the public were in favor of Phase III of the Water Project.

Bob Church from Great West Engineering reported that Mahuren Drilling has gotten the pump installed in the Pritchard Well. They have performed testing with the new liner and casing, and the black particulates were very minimal and then did run clear. They shut the system down and turned it back on several times and the water was running clear. This made Great West Engineering very confident that they could remove the originally planned sand separator and the system to pump to waste at the start of every cycle. By not including the sand separator and automatic to waste system in at this time, it would bring the cost of the project down \$8,000 to \$10,000. There could be a manual discharge to waste system put in and plumb the project so those could be added later. Great West Engineering recommended installing the plumbing but not installing the sand separator and automatic discharge system at this time, which the council agreed with.

The well was planned to run at 275 gallons per minute but they were able to run it at 330 gpm with no problems so Great West Engineering is recommending that the City runs the well at 275 gpm for a few months and if it is running with no problems we can run it at 330 gpm. With the sand separator removed, the City can pump more volume.

Jim Kalitowski made a motion to move forward with Phase III of the Water Project. Joe Brouillette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bryan Tomlinson reported on the petroleum removal. There was an overflow of the fuel from the tank. The overflow device failed but the fuel was contained and did not contaminate the ground or anything else. The tank was emptied and the fuel was taken care of. The system is operating but not pumping at this time. Pioneer Technical Service has hired someone from the Bozeman operation to come to Harlowton on a weekly basis to check the system.

The City of Harlowton is required to participate in a Voter Review this year. The City is required by Section 9, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Montana to conduct an election to determine whether the local government will undertake a local government review. 7-3-173(2) of

Montana Code Annotated requires that the governing body shall call for an election, to be held on the primary election date, on the question of conducting a local government review and establish a study commission and a budget. The resolution has a study commission comprised of 3 members to be elected and a budget of \$15,000 if the study commission is voted on.

John Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2014-2: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harlowton, Montana, calling for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission to do so. Bryan Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Library is interested in creating a policy for the Conference Room use. In the past, the Library has not allowed people to use the building for profit and the new policy will outline whether they will allow people to use the Conference Room for profit and if they do, charge some kind of fee for those using the building for such. They have asked the City Council to consider a policy. Mayor Sell asked Councilman John Anderson to report back to the City Council after a Library Board Meeting is held to discuss their input in the process.

Ian Reed reported that the crew has been busy plowing snow, and he and Bob Schuchard attended the Montana Rural Waters training and Asphalt institute last week.

No new items for the next meeting.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2014.

Council Members Present:

Ron Teig

Bryan Tomlinson

Jim Kalitowski

John Anderson

Joe Brouillette

City Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Jayme Colby, Clerk