

Harlowton City Council Minutes
April 25, 2017
Harlowton City Library

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held April 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the March 28, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Rhett Hurless of Absaroka Energy LLC gave a presentation regarding the Gordon Butte and Coffin Butte pumped storage energy project.

Jeff Sell reminded the council that city clean up days are May 12 and 13, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and asked any available council members to help at the landfill on Friday May 12.

Jeff Sell reminded the three members of the council whose terms will be up December 31, 2017 that the refiling date for election for the council position has opened.

Ian Reed reported that the flushing hydrant on the west end is in working condition again. Bryan Tomlinson commented that the water at his home has been particularly smelly. Ian said they would check on it. Engineering for phase IV water project has begun. Paving streets regarding phase III water project was scheduled for this week but due to weather will start as soon as weather permits. Two blocks at the east end of 2nd Street will be getting paved as well as one block in front of the high school on C Avenue. Concrete work is about 95% done. There was an excessive amount of vandalism done to the new concrete work as it was done. A water leak locator has come again and indicated a possible leak on Central Avenue by Citizens Bank again. Pot holes will be getting addressed as soon as weather permits. The crew has been trimming trees. A lift station pump has gone down. Ian hopes to get a rebuilt one for less than \$10,000.

Residents have requested if a speed bump can be put on C Avenue leading up to the high school. Ian indicated he didn't think speed bumps could be put on public streets. Council questioned if the police could please patrol more diligently in that area and ticket speeders to deal with the problem. There is a 15 mph school speed zone sign there.

Chief Joseph Park electric project has begun. Jeff Bornong will be ordering project supplies. NorthWestern Energy has been paid and hopefully the whole project will be completed by the end of June 2017.

Mary Callant has asked the city to repair four items in the park and \$1000 would be provided to the city for the repairs. The four items were the southeast park entrance pillars and sign, the southwest park entrance sign and the "back stop" to the E57B park flower garden. As the requested repairs were already scheduled for repair the city will try to get these done prior to the end of the fiscal year. The council discussed using native stone rather than brick to replace the southeast entrance pillars.

It was noted that the pavement at the bottom of the hill on the north side of the park is deteriorated. Ian indicated that the ground there heaves/flexes so much it is hard to keep in repair.

Jeff asked if the rail trail could be rolled again. Ian indicated it needs reclamante added to it. Ian will check with the county to see if they could roll it with their equipment. Ron asked about the extension of the rail trail. Jeff indicated that they would like to complete the south side circle first.

Jeff updated the council on the gas tax increase which has passed through the state house and senate and is awaiting the governor's signature.

The next city council meeting is scheduled on May 9, 2017 at 7:00pm in the city hall. An update on city ordinances will be given. Bryan Tomlinson indicated he would be out of state from May 12-20, 2017.

Paul Otten made a motion to approve prior reviewed and accepted claims, checks #20856-20880 from March 25, 2017 through April 7, 2017. These claims had been previously approved by at least four council members and the mayor. This was due to cancelled council meeting. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the claims, checks #20881-20895 from April 8, 2017 through April 21, 2017. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson (arrived at 7:19), Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Ron Teig, Bryan Tomlinson

Employee Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk