

Harlowton City Council Minutes
September 26, 2017
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held September 26, 2017 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the September 12, 2017 council meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

John Anderson reported that the library board has denied returned access into the library to the youth that was charged with theft from the library.

Fourth quarter financial statements were reviewed.

Resolution 2017-06 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 was read. Paul Otten made the motion to approve resolution 2017-06. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sell read the new city attorney agreement. Karen Hammel will be the new city attorney. This contract will be from October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Karen asked if there were any current active cases and if so a "substitution of council" process would have to be done before she could take over the case from John Hesse. Kathie Newland will contact Jon Hesse to coordinate getting the required documents transferred from one attorney to the other.

Ian Reed reported that they have located the leak in the ally by the post office. It was difficult to repair as there were lots of other services in the way (natural gas line, telephone, electricity, etc.). This portion of water line is scheduled to be replaced in the phase IV water project. Bryan Tomlinson asked if the city had considered getting its own small trailer mounted hydro-vac for these types of situations. Ian indicated that they are quite costly and these types of situations don't occur too often. There are a few hydro-vacs available in the area if renting one is needed. The culvert on the street south of Hillcrest Elementary is being worked on. PEC is able to put a camera in to inspect it and line the culvert if necessary. The culvert is about 18 feet deep and the city's equipment isn't large enough to do the work. Ian will get quotes from multiple companies for the work. Paul Otten asked if Ian had been able to get into the "Marino" building (Robert Snyder issue) in order to figure out if the water services could be worked on. Ian had not been able to make arrangements with Joe Brouillette yet. A letter has been mailed to Robert Snyder giving him a deadline until October 4, 2017 to respond.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21117-21135 from September 9, 2017 through September 22, 2017. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Next council meeting will be October 10, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Jeff Sell asked for a volunteer from the council to re-count city street lights based on the map that was published in the September 21, 2017 Times Clarion. Paul Otten has been contacting NorthWestern Energy regarding street lights and will continue working on the project.

Council Members Present:
John Anderson, Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Bryan Tomlinson

Council Members Absent:
Bob Jones, Ron Teig

Employee Present:
Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk