

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
October 10, 2017  
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held October 10, 2017 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the September 26, 2017 council meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Jim Kalitowski asked if the Robert Snyder issue was getting taken care of. Snyder has dug up the sidewalk in front of the Merino building and appears to be working on the water connection.

Jeff Sell explained the need for Resolution 2017-07 RESOLUTION RELATING TO AT LEAST \$100,000 WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, AND A \$100,000 WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE TO BE ISSUED IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF AND THE SECURITY THEREFOR. He stated that this has been a standard procedure for the city when doing the sewer and water updates. A BAN is similar to a construction loan and allows vendors to be paid in a timelier manner. Ron Teig made the motion to accept Resolution 2017-07. Paul Otten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Bob Jones not yet in attendance).

Ian was not in attendance for his report.

Ron Teig was wondering if the water leak by the post office had been fixed. It has been repaired as best as possible for the time being. That area is part of the next phase of the water project so will be getting replaced when phase 4 construction starts. Jim was wondering if the ground dryness caused the break. Jeff stated it was the old age of the pipe that caused the issues.

John Anderson asked about the culvert to the south of the Hillcrest School. PEC is out of state until April. Gary Swanson from Peccia and Associates knew of another company that could possibly do the work and would get the information to Ian.

Jeff reported that Peccia and Associates has been writing grants for the preliminary engineering report (PER) update. They have written for about \$56,000 worth of grants. If all of the PER funds are not awarded Peccia and Associates will defer the payment of the PER costs until the construction gets completed and the city has actual loan funds to pay the costs. The PER will be completed hopefully by next spring. The two focuses of the PER are lagoon sludge removal and upgrading on the lagoon disinfection system. The estimated cost would be around \$1 million. The city could apply for funds during the 2019 legislative grant funding cycle with construction on the lagoon projects commencing in 2020. During the lagoon projects the city could postpone the next phase of the water upgrades. Jeff commented on the current sewer loans that the city has. He suggested if the city has the funds that they start paying extra on these loans to get them paid off sooner. John Anderson was wondering if the city crew is still trimming trees. Jeff thought they were pretty much caught up. The engine on the front end loader went out. It is only used for large snow drift removal. Wojtowick Motors is checking to see if it can be repaired. If not Jeff suggested that the city go through the next winter without it to see if they need it. Perhaps if a front end loader is occasionally needed, an arrangement with the county could be made to use theirs.

Jeff asked Karen Hammel if she would please set up a time to meet with the Wheatland County Sheriff's office to discuss her new position as city attorney.

Jeff announced that the Central Montana Regional Water Authority would be having a meeting at the City Library on Wednesday October 11, 2017 at 1:00 if anyone would like to attend. John Anderson asked about the recent CMRWA meeting in Shawmut. Jim had attended. There was around 10 people in attendance. Area residents want to be able to access the water from the CMRWA pipeline.

Floodplain mapping meetings will be held Wednesday October 25, 2017. Two separate meetings will be held. One for county residents and one for city residents. Paige Dringman has mailed letters to all affected residents. Tiffany Lyden, from DNRC, contacted Paul Otten to get assistance in contacting residents who have been affected by this change in order to have specific elevation surveys done.

Jeff pointed out that the claim from Leak Locators of Montana came in under their quote. Paul Otten made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21136-21163 from September 23, 2017 through October 6, 2017. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Next council meeting will be October 24, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

**Council Members Present:**

John Anderson, Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Bob Jones (arrived 7:07), Ron Teig

**Council Members Absent:**

Bryan Tomlinson

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Jeff Sell, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk