

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
November 28, 2017  
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held November 28, 2017 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the November 14, 2017 council meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Jeff Sell discussed the options of paying extra on the outstanding two sewer loans. This discussion was also held at the council meeting on November 14, 2017 but as it was not on the agenda at that time, no motions could be accepted. Jeff also explained that Peccia and Associates is currently working on a preliminary engineering report regarding upgrades to the lagoon. During that process, if upgrades are determined to be necessary, new monthly sewer rates would need to be calculated and additional principle payments could be worked into that calculation. Paul Otten made the motion to have Kathie Newland look into making additional principle payments on the outstanding sewer loans. Kathie mentioned that higher payments were not in the current year's budget. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sell presented the council with the option to have the Local Government Center out of Bozeman come to Harlowton to do elected officials training. The cost would be \$500 plus hotel. The city could offset a portion of this cost by inviting surrounding communities to attend and charge them a nominal fee for registration. The training is tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2018 with times yet to be determined. Council consensus was to confirm/reserve this date with the Local Government Center and invite surrounding communities to attend. Kathie Newland will make the arrangements for the training. Council members are to consider what time they would like to schedule the training on February 20, 2018 and report back at the next council meeting.

Ian Reed was not in attendance so no City Superintendent report was given. Jeff did report that the city Christmas lights will be up in time for the annual lighting of the train.

Bryan Tomlinson asked if it was ever determined whose trailers were parked on the city property that the Milwaukee Depot Museum leases. Resident in attendance – Charley Bennett commented that they were his and were being stored there while a piece of his property was getting cleaned up (an old trailer getting demolished).

Jim Kalitowski reported that Ron Fischer had told him there was water issues in the basement of the old museum again. This was after the last snow fall and melting which council consensus confirmed that it is not a city water main line issue but a ground water issue.

Newly elected council members, Charley Bennett and Frank Brouillette were sworn in by Jeff Sell. Newly elected mayor, Paul Otten was sworn in by Jeff Sell.

Jeff Sell informed Charley Bennett that as a council member he will need to get the new council's consent to be absent from the city for more than 10 consecutive days. Jeff also commented that Charley may be able to attend council meeting via telephone conference call while he is absent.

Next council meeting will be December 12, 2018. Letter received from Robert Snyder will be on the agenda.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21199-21213 from November 11, 2017 through November 22, 2017. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Ron Teig, Bryan Tomlinson

Council Member Absent:

Bob Jones

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Jeff Sell, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk