

Harlowton City Council Minutes
January 23, 2018
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held January 23, 2018 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the January 9, 2018 council meeting were approved as written.

Everett Misner introduced himself to the council. He will be running for Wheatland County Sherriff in the upcoming election.

There was no further public comment.

Council reviewed the Triangle Communication Right-of-way Easement. The last paragraph had been stricken by Triangle as Ian requested. Ron Teig made the motion to approve the Triangle Communications Right-of-way easement. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

John Anderson reported that the library will be having another fundraiser (dance/dance lessons). Tentative date is March 10, 2018 at the Moose. The library board has reviewed and approved the library policy manual.

Dan Parry presented the idea to hold a Farmers and Flea Market in the Chief Joseph Park. He and his wife Tammy will organize it. Tentative dates will be from the Saturday before Memorial Day through the Saturday before Halloween, 8:00am through 3:00pm or maybe 5:00pm. He doubted there would be any need for electrical hook ups. Ian thought that previously when a similar event took place in the park that if someone needed electricity they would use an RV spot, hook up to that electricity and pay the day fee for the spot. Dan Parry was wondering what they needed to do to get the location approved. Paul Otten gave Dan the standard park use agreement form and asked him to look it over and return to a future meeting when more details were figured out.

Resident Rob Elwood has expressed an interest in the vacant ward 1 position. Discussion about appointing him to the vacant position was held at the previous council meeting (January 9, 2018). There was no further discussion regarding this. Jim Kalitowski made the motion to appoint Rob Elwood to the vacant ward 1 position. Frank Brouillette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Paul Otten swore in new council member Rob Elwood.

Resolution 2018-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, ADOPTING A POLICY ALLOWING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL MEETINGS VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS was reviewed. Ron Teig made the motion to approve resolution 2018-01. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Otten asked for any public comment regarding the city's application to FWP Recreational Trails Program 2018 grant. There was no public comment regarding this grant. Lauri Teig inquired if any mail in comments had been received. None had been received as of the time of the meeting. Lauri Teig gave the council an update on the grant writing process.

Paul reminded the council about the February 6, 2018 floodplain meeting; the February 13, 2018 public hearing on the Lagoon PER and the February 20, 2018 elected officials training. Most council members were expecting to attend the elected officials training.

Ian Reed reported that they have used approximately 1 ½ years-worth of sand already this winter season and have restricted sanding to essential areas only. Deputy Greydanus commented there had been a two-car accident in an icy ally. Ron Teig asked if any chemicals or salt could be mixed with the sand to help melting. Ian responded that the cost of salt is prohibitive and if a chemical additive is used the city doesn't currently have the proper equipment to spread it.

Next council meeting will be February 13, 2018 at the Harlowton City Library.

Paul informed the council that the city auditors would be doing their audit Wednesday through Friday (January 24 – 26, 2018). He requested that some council members be available for the exit interview as Paul would be gone from town that day.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21298- 21315 from January 6, 2018 through January 19, 2018. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Frank Brouillette, Rob Elwood, Jim Kalitowski, Ron Teig, Charley Bennett (via telephone)

Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Paul Otten, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk