

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
April 10, 2018  
Harlowton Public Library

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held April 10, 2018 opened at 7:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the March 27, 2018 council meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Paul Otten updated the council on the fire department discussion. Paul, Ian and Kathie had met with the Wheatland County commissioners on April 4 to continue discussions regarding the portions of expenses the city pays for the fire hall. They will meet again with the commissions on June 6, 2018 at 1:00 to further the discussions. Kathie will start to draft an interlocal agreement with the details.

The Cross County Petroleum and Michael DeBorde contracts have been mailed out. DeBorde returned his signed copy prior to the council meeting. Have not heard back from Travis Schuchard on if they will match Doug Pierce's bid and retain the lease on the old lagoon. Karen Hammel is researching ownership of the two buildings that Donna Hagberg and Dan Dempster occupy. Roger Lindsley has removed his possessions from the brick building at the Depot Museum grounds. Ron Teig asked about the lease that Darrell Dick occupies. That lease is in the name of both Brad Miller and Darrell Dick. Discussion ensued regarding subletting of leased properties.

John Anderson provided the council with March 2018 library statistics. Rob Elwood commented that the Harlowton library has a very good e-book service.

Ron Teig updated the council on the wetlands project for the roundhouse property. There is considerable amount of deadfall that should be cleaned up prior to proceeding with the project. A prescribed burn could clean up underbrush and deadfall and improve the area for wildlife. Jason Seyler of the DNRC had indicated that a prescribed burn could be beneficial. Ron had discussed a prescribed burn with Chris Anderson the fire chief. The fire department could be available for control and use this exercise as training for the department. The area discussed for the burn was south of the roundhouse up to the river. The burn would be late fall or early spring 2019. Lauri Teig has applied for a FWP Conservation Trust grant to help with large garbage/rubish clean up. Jim Kalitowski asked about damage that may be caused by a burn to the historical areas such as "Jap Town". Council consensus was a prescribed burn would ultimately improve the area. When a time is set for the burn the council will be updated.

Council was updated on the Brownheim decay ordinance violation regarding excessive dog excreta in her yard. Frank Brouillette said he would go and check the area and talk with Brownheim about the issue and report back at the next council meeting.

Paul discussed the fact that the small building recently vacated by Roger Lindsley at the Depot Museum grounds is specifically excluded from the lease agreement with the City County Preservation Committee (Depot Museum). Rob Elwood made the motion to modify the current lease with the City County Preservation Committee to include the small brick building. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding having one free dump pass for brush and yard waste for residents whose accounts are paid in full was held. Rob Elwood made the motion to offer one free pass for brush and yard waste to be used during regularly scheduled landfill hours for each utility account paid in full. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ian reported that the city crew was continuing to snow plow, fix equipment and repair potholes. Most of the major potholes have been patched but they are waiting to do some of the others until the weather improves and the durapatcher can be used. The manhole by the Moose Lodge was hit while snow plowing and it will need to be repaired.

Next council meeting will be April 24, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton city hall. Rob Elwood would like to present information on a deer hunt in city limits. At a future meeting he would also like to discuss a charging station for electric vehicles.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21385-21404 from March 24, 2018 through April 6, 2018. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Council Members Present:

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

Employee Present:

Ian Reed

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Paul Otten, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk