

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
April 24, 2018  
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held April 24, 2018 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the April 10, 2018 council meeting were approved as written. Minutes of the April 10, 2018 public meeting discussing the preliminary engineering report for the potential sewer project were approved as amended.

There was no public comment.

Paul Otten updated the council on the fire department discussion. Ron Teig commented he has gotten some information from White Sulphur Springs regarding how their fire department operates and will continue to gather additional information. Jim Kalitowski indicated Central Valley-Belgrade would have useful information as well.

Paul updated the council on the lease renewals. Travis Schuchard has responded that he will match the \$700.00 bid to retain the lease on the old lagoon. An updated lease has been sent to the City County Preservation Committee to include the brick building.

Frank Brouillette informed the council he had visited with Barbara Brownheim regarding the dog waste in her yard. The waste has been cleaned up and she will continue to keep it that way.

John Anderson informed the council that the library staff had recently attended the MT Library Association meeting to get their needed continuing education credits.

**RESOLUTION 2018-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE 2018 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT FOR WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPT THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS** was reviewed. Ron Teig made the motion to approved resolution 2018-03 as written. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2018-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA-RESOLUTION OF THE ACCEPTABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO ALLOW PROCEEDING WITH PROPOSED ACTION** was reviewed. Kathie informed the council that the environmental assessment comment period ended on April 19, 2018. Charley Bennett made the motion to approve resolution 2018-04 as written. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2018-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA-RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE WASTEWATER SYSTEM FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA** was reviewed. Ian explained the PER indicated the preferred option chosen for the disinfection system is the UV light system. He also explained that if the project gets grant funding, the construction process must go to bid. Jim Kalitowski made the motion to approved resolution 2018-05 as written. Charley Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Otten read the Arbor Day proclamation for April 28, 2018.

Rob Elwood presented information on an urban deer hunt. He is aware that this topic has been presented to the council previously. Discussion ensued. Rob will draft a proposal for an urban archery deer hunt within the city of Harlowton. This proposal will exclude the use of cross-bows in the city; stipulate that the season would run concurrently with the state deer hunting season and stipulate that successful harvests will be reported to the city.

Kathie Newland reviewed the third quarter financial statements with the council. Kathie informed the council that the street maintenance assessment fees and lighting district assessment fees would need to be reviewed in May.

The fiscal year 2018 street and road budget was discussed. Due to the amount of snow plowing and street repairs needed and the limited budget, Ian needed confirmation from the council that he was to continue with street and road repairs. Discussion ensued. Council consensus was to continue with these repairs.

Ian reported that the city crew was continuing to fix equipment and repair potholes. There is a leaky hydrant scheduled to be fixed. Stump grinding and preparing for Arbor Day Celebration has been done. The Chief Joseph Park rest area is open for the season again. Jack Barnhart will be out for approximately 6 weeks so the city crew will be short-handed for a while this spring. John asked about the manhole by the Moose lodge. Ian indicated they have the parts and the repair is on the list to get done. Jim Kalitowski asked about the disrepair of E Avenue and if there was any chance of repairing it. Ian indicated it is in poor condition and repairing wouldn't be the best option. There is no budget available to mil or reclamate the street. Jim also asked about "allegatoring" happening on the new asphalt on 1<sup>st</sup> St and D Ave were the water project repaving happened last year. Ian indicated that the one year walk through will be taking place in May and issues such as that are still under warranty.

Next council meeting will be May 22, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton city hall. The regularly scheduled May 8, 2018 council meeting will be cancelled due to Kathie being at MMCT&FOA Clerk Institute. On the agenda will be Rob Elwood with information on charging stations for electric vehicles, Holly Lode with a request for exemption or change to the ordinance regarding chickens in city limits, street maintenance and light district assessment fees.

John Anderson made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21405-21418 from April 7, 2018 through April 20, 2018. Frank Brouillette seconded the motion. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Rob Elwood informed the council that he would be gone in June for 2 weeks. There were no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Council Members Present:

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

Employee Present:

Ian Reed

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Paul Otten, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk