

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held July 10, 2018 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the June 26, 2018 council meeting were approved as written. Minutes of the June 26, 2018 public hearing were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Rob Elwood updated the council on his progress with the urban deer hunt. Ashley Taylor had some suggested changes to the plan that Rob presented. She suggested that the city pass a resolution granting permission for the archery hunt. She also advised that the hunters should contact the city when they were going to hunt and with the results of their hunt (success rate). Also suggested was that residents of the city that did not want hunting on their property to contact city hall. This information would be communicated to the hunters. Discussion regarding the fact that city hall is not open on weekends ensued. Rob suggested that he will talk to the sheriff's office to see if they could be the contact point for this process rather than the city. Removal of hunting waste (gut piles) will be included in the plan. The archery hunt includes compound or recurve but not crossbows. Suggested season would be October 15 through February 15 for either sex, either species of deer. Rob will discuss hunting access with county representatives, the country club and leasers of city land. Ian commented that some cities retain hunting rights for their leased properties. Council agreed that that should be considered and would like to proceed with upgrading the lease agreements.

Paul Otten discussed the sale of city property. Charley Bennett asked if property sales have to go up for bid. Paul explained yes they do go up for bid, private sales agreements would not be acceptable. Fair market value is deemed by a local real estate assessment – a full appraisal does not need to be done. It is not currently known if J. Fisk is still interested in the lot with Dan Dempster's building on it. Council consensus was to proceed with figuring out how to get the lots up for sale. An official letter from Attorney Karen Hammel will be needed to confirm that Dan Dempster owns the building on that lot.

John Anderson reported that Debbie Davis is requesting permission to write a grant to the Washington Foundation to fund the extended hours at the Library. Council consensus was to let her proceed with writing the grant and present it to the council prior to submission. Discussion was held about the hours and cost of the extended library hours. Kathie explained that she has a draft library agreement that may make the costs of the library more clear and allocate the responsibilities more appropriately to the library.

Ian had not had the time to get information together for the street and ally committee to discuss sidewalk building specifications.

**Resolution 2018-06 A RESOLUTION LEVYING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS OF  
MAINTENANCE AND ELECTRICAL POWER FOR HARLOWTON STREET LIGHTING**

DISTRICT TO DEFRAID THE COSTS was reviewed. Charley Bennett made the motion to approve resolution 2018-06 as written. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2018-07 A RESOLUTION LEVYING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS OF MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FOR HARLOWTON STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT TO DEFRAID THE COSTS was reviewed. Rob Elwood made the motion to approve resolution 2018-07 as written. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul reported that Attorney Karen Hammel's contract was up on June 30, 2018. She is requesting her rate to go from \$80 per hour to \$100 per hour. Council consensus was to have a draft contract drawn up to be presented at the next council meeting. Paul will discuss with Karen the city's expectations of projects to be finished and response time to requests. The ordinance clean-up process is a high priority.

Kathie presented the June 30, 2017 audit report. She explained the four findings and responses that the city made to the state regarding the findings.

Paul informed the council that a water aerobics class will be held at the pool in the morning and this is all part of the adult education system through the high school. There will be no cost to the city as the school will be paying all wages and costs for this class.

Jim Kalitowski commented that a former resident, Doug Yates, was wanting to donate funds for the pool. Kathie informed Jim that all donations are tax deductible and the checks are to be written to the City of Harlowton with a note in the memo indicating the restriction on the donation.

Ian reported that the Chief Joseph Park campground is open again now that flood waters have receded. The crew along with the Tree Board have been planting trees. The Tree Board purchased many trees with the grant they received and there are still many left to get planted. Stump grinding has also been going on. The water bags placed around the new trees last about a day and hold about 10 gallons. They are filled up twice per week and have improved the odds of the trees living. The clean-up of deadfall in the park and proposed wetland area has been postponed until fall due to the flooding.

Rob Elwood asked for clarification on dates the city transfer station is open. Ian explained the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday's are the regular summer days and people can call to schedule off day services as well.

John Anderson asked about the progress on getting the Biegel's Bar cleaned up. Ian explained that assessments are in the process. No asbestos was found on the pipes, but it is suspected that there is lead paint and asbestos tiles in the building. It is a long process as now a report will be written up by the person who determined the possible contamination, then another company will do actual testing. There are many steps to the process.

Charley Bennett asked about the assessment on the roundhouse. Ian indicated that process is one step ~~ahead of~~ behind Biegel's Bar in that testing has been completed.

Charley asked about the railbed washout west of town toward Lammers/Klocks direction. There will be no state or federal funding assistance available to repair the washout and Ian did not think it would be in the city's best interest to spend money on it. However, if during the next phase of the

water project there is gravel that needs to be relocated that sight could be a potential location for the gravel.

Charley asked if there were plans to install a sewer line between Lode and Irvin Naasz property. Ian indicated the original discussions about that area were before he was employed by the city, so he was unsure what previous discussions involved. The project is something that would need engineering and isn't something the city crew could just do without significant planning and expense.

Rob Elwood asked if any progress had been made on getting the contracts from NWEnergy for the street lights. Kathie explained she had made an online request to the public service commission to get assistance but had not heard back yet.

Next council meeting will be July 24, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall. Attorney contract and lease amendments will be on the next council agenda.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21509-21536 from June 22, 2018 through July 6, 2018. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Council Members Present: John Anderson, Charley Bennett, Frank Brouillette, Rob Elwood, Jim Kalitowski, Ron Teig

Employees Present: Ian Reed

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Paul Otten, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk