

Harlowton City Council Minutes
August 14, 2018
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held August 14, 2018 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the July 24, 2018 council meeting were approved as written.

Michael DeBorde addressed the council regarding his recent health issues and the lease he currently holds on the old dump. He informed the council that Joe Hagl is helping him to clean up the property and once that is complete he plans to cancel the lease. Paul informed him that once the clean-up was done to come back to the council regarding the cancellation.

The council reviewed the letter that Kathie had drafted regarding the urban deer hunt on city owned/leased out property. There were no additions or corrections so the letter will be mailed.

Paul reported that he had talked to the party interested in possibly purchasing the city owned lot that Dan Dempster is occupying. The property will still need to go to public bid. Ron Teig made the motion to advertise for the sale of said lot. Rob Elwood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no library report.

Ian reported that he has gathered information regarding standards for sidewalk construction and will get that information out to the street and alley committee for review. Rob Elwood also requested the information.

Resident Nancy Widdicombe addressed the council regarding speeding vehicles along 2nd St NW which is also MT Highway 12/191. She had gathered some community support for trying to enforce the speed limit or change the speed limit along this route. She had also gotten contact information for the MT Department of Transportation. Council discussed options of changing speed limits, enforcing speed limits, changing signage, and changing citation penalties. Undersheriff Randy Cameron indicated that it isn't likely that the city could have a penalty ordinance that exceeded the state norm. Nancy asked about repainting of crosswalks and adding a crosswalk between the pool and Midtown Market. Nancy asked the council to request a traffic survey from the Department of Transportation. Council was in consensus to request the traffic survey and proceed after more information is gathered. Rob asked if engine breaks are also bothersome along that route. Nancy indicated yes they were loud.

Lance Schuchard addressed the council seeking information on connecting to the city's sewer system without annexing into the city limits. Prior council decisions set a precedence of not allowing connection to city services unless the property was annexed into city limits. Lance was going to research additional options of mortgage tract survey and other people who have asked for connection in the past.

Ian reported that the city crew has been working on maintaining trees, planting trees and cleaning the culvert by the Hillcrest school. PACE has not been rescheduled yet to check out the culvert. Battle Ridge Builders will be in town fixing asphalt from the last water project. Rob asked if he should go

check into questions about trees causing sidewalk damage that ward members have posed to him or if he should provide that information to Ian. Ian responded either way would be fine. Jim asked if the tree on his street where scheduled to be trimmed yet. Ian responded they are 8 blocks away. Jim commented that the newly planted trees are looking good this year. Ian responded they have been getting regularly watered and the wet year helped as well.

Next council meeting will be August 28, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall. Fiscal year 2019 budget will be on the agenda.

Paul commented that there has recently been a jury trial as evidenced by some claims. Ian commented that Nash Electric had been in to check electrical issues on the Pritchard well. Ron Teig made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21552- 21598 from July 21, 2018 through August 10, 2018. Rob Elwood seconded the motion. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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

Council Member Absent: John Anderson

Employees Present: Ian Reed

Paul Otten, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk