

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
January 22, 2019  
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held January 22, 2019 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the January 8, 2019 council meeting were approved as written.

Will Hall asked if the industrial lots that were recently annexed into the city are for sale yet. Paul replied that they are not yet listed but hopes to have them for sale in the near future. It will be a sealed bidding process with notices to the public.

The city received the traffic study regarding speed limits on highway 12. At this time the MT DoT is not recommending the speed limits to be changed as requested. Information was provided regarding the number of vehicles and speed of those vehicles at ten different study sights along the route. The council would like for a representative from the MT DoT to come to a council meeting to discuss these findings. In addition, the city will send a letter to MT DoT requesting a larger, lighted 25 mph sign, larger "reduce speed ahead" signs, and school zone / cross walk speed signs.

There was no library committee report.

Rob Elwood reported for the Ordinance Committee. The committee met immediately prior to the council meeting. The ordinance committee had reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 1-2019 pertaining to dog control in city limits. There were three noted changes. The first reading of this ordinance is on the city council agenda for tonight's meeting. The committee has started to review the traffic/parking ordinances (Title 10). Additional research is still needed on some of the sections. Snow removal guidelines were reviewed. An ordinance to enact the guidelines will be drawn up by Karen Hammel, with the first reading to go on the February 12, 2019 council agenda.

Frank Hutton, urban representative from the Upper Musselshell Conservation District requested to be placed later on the agenda after amendment of Lance Schuchard lease is discussed.

Gary Swanson of Robert Peccia and Associates (RPA) was in attendance to give an update on the wastewater preliminary engineering report and funding process for the project. Final PER reports and copies of the TSEP and DNRC RRGL grant applications were provided to the city. The USDA RD grant application has been delayed due to the federal government furlough. PER planning grants had been awarded and funds from two of the three grants have been requested. Again the USDA RD planning grant fund request has been delayed due to the federal government furlough. Gary announced his upcoming retirement and introduced Brad Koenig who would be taking over as engineer on the city's projects for RPA.

Mike Peterson has requested use of the Harlowton Public Library basement for the 4-H Archery Club. He is hoping to receive an NRA grant which would allow for purchase of necessary equipment to fit the basement of the library for archery practice. Proof of liability insurance with the City of Harlowton

listed as an additional insured party has been received. Mike has visited with librarian, Kathleen Schreiber, and found that the basement would be the best option for the club's use. Rob Elwood made the motion to allow the 4-H archery club to use the Harlowton City library basement for club practices. Frank Brouillette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Otten recommended that county elected judge Richard Egebakken be re-appointed as Harlowton City Judge. Frank Brouillette made the motion to reappoint Richard Egebakken as Harlowton City Judge. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2019-01 A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE UNNEEDED AND OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SUCH PROPERTY was reviewed. The 1988 Chevy pickup and 1986 Ford pickup are no longer functioning properly and not worth putting more money into to fix again. A call for bids on these two vehicles will be placed in the Times Clarion for opening at the February 12, 2019 council meeting. John Anderson made the motion to approve resolution 2019-01 as written. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

First reading of Ordinance 1-2019 ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.09 OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON MUNICIPAL CODES CONCERNING THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF DOGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, TO CLARIFY AND CHANGE SECTIONS THEREIN CONCERNING LICENSING, PENALTIES, AND UNCLAIMED DOGS, AND TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS was done. Ordinance committee chairperson, Rob Elwood, explained to the council that the penalties involved in this ordinance had been made more prominent and standardized. Karen Hammel explained that the appointed judge has discretion in which penalties are applied if multiple infractions have occurred. The second reading of Ordinance 2-2019 is scheduled for February 26, 2019.

Paul explained that about 1 acre of property would need to be removed from Lance Schuchard's lease description in order to try planting trees as a ground water mitigation strategy. Once the planted trees have grown to a sufficient stage the area would be put back into the lease property description. Frank Hutton, UMCD urban representative, described the area in question and work that would need to be done in order to plant trees. UMCD is willing to provide 200-250 trees for the project if the city agrees to recommended site preparation, fencing, weed control and watering. Trees would have to be ordered by March 1, 2019 in order for this project to proceed this year. UMCD also recommended planting trees in the boulevard east of the Tandberg residence. The Harlowton Tree Board has planted trees in that area in the past. Jim Kalitowski asked about the cost of fencing the trees to protect them from the deer. Frank Hutton asked about the possibility of culvert installation. Ian explained putting in culvert diversion costs around \$600 per 20 feet. Council consensus was for Paul to approach Lance Schuchard with an amendment to the lease.

Second quarter fiscal year 2019 financial reports were presented by Kathie Newland. She explained that the December tax remittance from the county was significantly higher than previous years due to the increase in street maintenance assessments and street light assessments.

Ian reported that the city will need to testify before the MT legislature for five grants. He is trying to arrange the schedule so that the majority of testifying can be done on one day rather than three consecutive days.

MT DEQ had come to inspect the lagoons. The city is no longer under administrative order so the lagoons no longer comply with DEQ regulations. Ian explained to DEQ that the city is in the process of correcting some of the issues.

Precision Paving, an asphalt and concrete contractor from Lewistown, will be getting Ian estimates on paving A Ave NW. The council asked Ian to request estimates on curb, gutter and sidewalk pricing as well.

Ron Teig commented that the state highway project that includes a section of Highway 12 west of Two Dot will be let for bid this month.

Paul reported that he will be attending MMIA's Executive Forum and legislative luncheon February 12, 2019 through February 14, 2019. He asked that council president Rob Elwood run the council meeting scheduled for February 12 in his absence.

Next council meeting will be February 12, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall.

John Anderson asked about the two invoices to Christiansen Construction. Ian explained the two projects that these invoices covered. Jim Kalitowski asked if the invoice to Econo Signs was for the traffic mirror to be installed by the court house. Ian explained it was and that brackets still need to be manufactured to install the mirror. Ron Teig made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21788- 21810 from January 5, 2019 through January 18, 2019. Frank Brouillette seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Council Members Present: John Anderson, Charley Bennett (via phone), 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