

Harlowton City Council Minutes
July 23, 2019
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council, held July 23, 2019 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the July 9, 2019 council meeting were approved as written. Minutes of the July 9, 2019 closed session were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Resolution 2019-07 regarding cancellation of the roundhouse lease was discussed. The final report from TetraTech was received confirming asbestos contamination in the roundhouse building. Attorney Karen Hammel recommended to the council that this resolution be passed with the amendment of clarifying that Peters Inc. will be given adequate time to remove uncontaminated products stored in the roundhouse. Clerk, Kathie Newland commented that Sara Hudson of Snowy Mountain Development Corporation, which is administering the regional Brownfields abatements funds, wanted clarification if SMDC could proceed with the asbestos abatement process. There were no motions to accept resolution 2019-07 as written, so the resolution will be amended by Karen and presented at the next council meeting.

John Anderson reported that the library had completed the library employees' annual job performance reviews.

Rob Elwood reported that the committee recommends waiting on the first reading of Ordinance 3-2019 to repeal ordinance 83 until further ordinances can be processed at the same time. The committee will be having an additional meeting on July 30, 2019 at 6:00pm. They hope to have an ordinance ready for first reading pertaining to traffic control within the city limits at the next council meeting.

Charley Bennett reported that the pool leak appears to be slowing down, but still has not been discovered. The boiler is having some issues again. Ian reported that the boiler is working fine but a safety fault had been tripped and not reset. A quote for a new winter pool cover was presented. Discussion regarding replacing the winter cover, repairing the winter cover or going without a winter cover was held. No decision was made regarding the pool winter cover.

There was no tree board report.

There was no wetlands rail trail committee report.

Travis Jacobson asked the council if the Winnicook ranch could proceed with the fence replacement along the west side of the old landfill. Paul informed him that they could proceed and submit the materials bill to the city. The fencing between the golf course and the ranch is the responsibility of the golf course.

Aubrey Miller asked if the Hillcrest Elementary School could have a "no parking" sign placed for one space at the corner of B Avenue and 5th Street for the school lunch van. Charley Bennett made the

motion to allow the Hillcrest Elementary School to have one parking space restricted to no parking applicable to Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 3:00pm. Rob Elwood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ian Reed will get “no parking” signs in place.

The first readings of ordinances 3-2019 and 4-2019 did not take place. The ordinance committee will have these ordinances prepared for the August 13, 2019 council meeting.

At this time Mayor Paul Otten closed the regular council meeting (7:29pm) to discuss litigation strategy regarding the potential breach of contract with Peters Inc.

The regular council meeting was re-opened at 7:52pm.

Ian reported that the phase 4 water project will not be split into sub-phases. The whole project will go to bid approximately August 15, 2019 once the CBDG comment period has closed. Bid opening would be around the 2nd week of September.

A Avenue paving is still waiting to be scheduled.

The TSEP funding for the city’s wastewater project is competitive funding so the city needs to move on this project as soon as possible. Robert Peccia and Associates is working on the necessary procedures.

The city has decided to try to use SRF loan funds rather than RD loan funds for this project.

The mirror that had been placed on A Ave is gone. It was either hit by a wide load or the wind ripped the mirror out. Discussion regarding turning A Ave into a one way street ensued.

The city crew has been working on trimming trees.

Paul reported that he had no update on the status of the Biegel’s Bar being bought by a private resident or given to the city. Paul will contact Steve Olson to get an answer.

Paul reported that a copy of the “West End Covenants” has been received. Further review will be done to determine what the city’s involvement with that will be.

Charley Bennett handed out information from Dennis Tandberg regarding the water issues in his home. Ian reported that a variety of the suggestions from Mr. Tandberg have already been done.

Next council meeting will be August 13, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall. On the agenda will be making A Avenue a one way street. Also on the agenda will be the public hearing and discussion on the city’s fiscal year 2020 preliminary budget.

John Anderson asked if the claim to MMIA was for insurance and if this was the same company that Karen Hammel referred to in the Peters Inc potential litigation. Frank Brouillette made a motion to pay the claims, checks #22039-22061, from July 6, 2019 through July 19, 2019. Charley Bennett seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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

Council Members Absent: Ron Teig

Employees Present: Ian Reed

Paul Otten, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk

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