

Harlowton City Ordinance Committee Minutes  
August 27, 2019  
Harlowton City Hall  
6:00pm

Rob Elwood called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Minutes of the August 13, 2019 ordinance committee meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

The ordinance committee reviewed draft ORDINANCE NO. 3-2019 ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, REPEALING SECTION 7.16.020 OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON MUNICIPAL CODES CONCERNING REPEAL OR MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE 83. The date of first reading will be changed to August 27, 2019. There were no other corrections noted.

The ordinance committee reviewed draft ORDINANCE NO. 04-2019 ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.04 OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON MUNICIPAL CODES CONCERNING THE KEEPING OF DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK WITHIN THE CITY OF HARLOWTON CITY LIMITS. Discussion regarding snakes listed as non-domestic animals was held. Discussion regarding residents requesting a variance to this ordinance was held. Rob informed the committee that a “variance process/policy” would be written up that would pertain to all variances to the city of Harlowton ordinances. There were no corrections noted.

The ordinance committee reviewed draft ORDINANCE NO. 05-2019 ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.08 OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON MUNICIPAL CODES CONCERNING THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING ON CITY STREETS, TO CLARIFY AND CHANGE SECTIONS THEREIN CONCERNING PARKING AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS, TO ADD SECTIONS PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN CHAPTER 10.46, AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS NO LONGER NECESSARY AND REASONABLE. Rob Elwood will be drawing up the map referenced in this ordinance and will have it prepared by the next ordinance committee meeting. He did not feel the lack of a map would prevent the first reading of the ordinance to take place as the details are spelled out within the ordinance. Frank Brouillette wanted it noted that he would like J-Turns to be allowed on Central avenue however no change was made to the municipal code. Ian asked for clarification on whether speed limit signs would need to be placed throughout the city. Kathie read the current municipal codes and it states that speed limits are assumed to be 20mph within the city unless otherwise posted. Officer Gentile asked for clarification on city limits regarding the airport and cemetery. There were no corrections noted.

The ordinance committee reviewed draft ORDINANCE NO. 06-2019 ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON MUNICIPAL CODES CONCERNING VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO ADDRESS THE LIMITED SIGHT LINE OF ONCOMING TRAFFIC BY RESTRICTING DRIVING TO ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ON A AVENUE IN FRONT OF THE WHEATLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE. Two corrections

were noted to the draft. On the fifth “whereas” it should read “, allowing traffic to flow northward only;”. In Section 1: Action A. should read “No person shall be allowed to drive any vehicle in a southerly direction on A Avenue NW,…” There were no other corrections noted.

The ordinance committee reviewed draft ORDINANCE NO. 07-2019 ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, REPEALING CHAPTER 10.54 OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON MUNICIPAL CODES CONCERNING DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS. There were no corrections noted.

The ordinance committee reviewed draft ORDINANCE NO. 08-2019 ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, REPEALING CHAPTER 10.50 OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON MUNICIPAL CODES CONCERNING ENCROACHMENTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY. There were no corrections noted.

The ordinance committee will recommend the first reading of ordinances 03-2019, 04-2019, 05-2019, 06-2019, 07-2019 and 08-2019 at the August 27, 2019 regular city council meeting to take place, with noted corrections, later in the evening.

Kathie presented the city of Big Timber’s “Rules and Regulations Governing Utility Services and Streets for the City of Big Timber, Montana” as a reference for discussions regarding the City of Harlowton’s sewer and water ordinances. Big Timber’s clerk (Tera Ginnaty) has granted the city permission to scan and use the document for reference. Rob requested the scanned version be sent to the committee members for further review.

Kathie presented information she and Ian had found regarding the Tucker Town Sewer District. Rob requested that the information be scanned in and sent to the committee members for review. Frank Brouillette asked if the original signed documents cannot be found is the Tucker Town sewer district presumed to be defunct. Attorney Karen Hammel was not present to answer this question.

No further review took place.

Next ordinance committee meeting will be September 10, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Committee members Present: Frank Brouillette, Rob Elwood  
City: Paul Otten, Ian Reed, Kathie Newland  
Sheriff’s Office: Christopher Gentile  
Public Present:  
Other Council Present:

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Rob Elwood, Committee Chair

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Kathie Newland, Clerk